US launches historic talks with the PLO

13-year boycott ends

● The US moved swiftly to initiate a ● Israelis were alarmed by the US face-to-face meeting today with the Palestine Liberation Organization

 The UN General Assembly called on the Security Council to organize a Middle East peace conference

doubtful of Washington's support

By Christopher Walker in Tunis and Andrew McEwen in London

Amid bitter opposition from Israel, the United States yesterday opened talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization, ending a 13-year boycott.

Mr Robert Pelletreau, the US Ambassador in Tunis, initiated what may prove a watershed in the Middle East by telephon-ing a senior PLO official.

As the contacts were resumed, the UN General Assembly in Geneva called on the Security Council to convene an international Middle East peace conference and place the occupied territories temporarily under UN super-vision. The US and Israel

INSIDE SAS plots Heathrow airline war

By Harvey Elliot Air Correspondent

British Airways, the British flag-carrier which was privatized early last year, could soon be facing direct competition from a new consortium airline operating from its own base at Heathrow Airport, London.

The threat came a step closer yesterday when SAS, the Scandinavian airline which lost the battle for British Caledanian to BA, paid £25 million far a 25 per cent stake in Airlines of Britain, owner of British Midland and the second biggest scheduled carrier in Britain. It has a turnnver of £172 million, 250 daily flights, 44 aircraft in its fleet and 2,816

SAS and the British Midland group, which also includes Manx Airlines, Loganair and London City Airways, plan a series of new long-haul routes to compete with British Airways. The new operation should be in place within five years with passengers being fed into Heathrow, Glasgow or Manchester from SAS's European net-

This will be linked to a world-wide chain of airlines including Thai International for Southeast Asia, Varig in South America, All Nippon in Tokyo, and Texas Air Corporation, the largest airline operator in the United States.

Routes battle, page 23 **Jobless heads** below 2m

Unemployment is set to fall below 2 million early next year, following its 28th successive fall last month. The total dropped by 49,300 to

The total has fallen by more than a millinn since its peak in Jobless fall, page 23

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Dismay in Israel as

moves which left them isolated and

International support for the new initiative was overwhelming, with Arab nations jubilant and Europe satisfied

which was carried by 138-2. It envisaged a conference nnder UN auspices "with the participation of all parties to the conflict, including the Palestine Liberation Organization, nn an equal footing".

American officials in Tunis

said that there would be a facetn-face meeting between Ambassador Pelletreau and senior PLO officials today. The American move caused

alarm and a heightened sense nf isolation in Jerusalem. Mr

Israel stunned Parliament. Israeli view. Leading article.

Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, regretted it and said it would not advance peace. Many Israelis felt it put a question mark over the loyalty of their most trusted and powerful supporter. But international reaction

was nverwhelmingly positive, with jubilation in most Arah countries and satisfaction in Europe. It was seen in many capitals

as the most important change in the Middle East equating for years. This view was not diluled by a subsequent state-ment from Washington that the US remained committed to the defence of Israel.

France, East Germany, Belgium, Italy, The Netherlands, Australia, Japan, Greece, Turkey and Britain were among ountries which reac favnurably.
Both the Prime Minister

and Fareign Secretary welcomed the statement by Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, which prompted Washington's move. Mrs Thatcher told the Communs that his elearer renunciation nf violence and recognition nf Israel's right to exist was a source said. very considerable step

Sir Geoffrey Howe appealed to Israel to react positively

"an important step toward progress". Signor Ciriaco De Mita, the Italian Prime Minister, who was visiting Washington, said: "One cannot but express a positive attitude."

in London yesterday to the Cancer Research Campaign.

The method depends on generating a cell-killing drug nnly within malignant tissues. The idea has been tested on

human tumours in mice that

are resistant to usual treat-

ments, hy a team working with

Professor Kenneth Bagshawe, at the Charing Cross Hospital,

Trials on human vulunteers

voted against the resolution, The Soviet Union, startled by the suddenness of Washington's move, delayed its

response.
"This is a great step by a great nation," said Mr Mohammed Milhelm, a former Palestinian mayor in Halhoul and member of the PLO's ruling executive committee whn was expelled from the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

Demonstrations by stu-dents opposed to "capitulation" were reported in Libya, while in Syria Arab radicals were split, some viewing the decision by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, to hold talks with the PLO as an Arab victory and nthers seeing Mr Arafat's statement as a betrayal. One prominent hardliner, Mr George Habash, leader of the radical Popular Front for the Liberatinn nf Palestine, welcomed the Anerican maye.

Mr Shultz designated Mr Pelletreau in Tunis as the sole authorized channel for what he called "a substantive dialogue" with the PLO.

Mr Pelletreau, aged 53, an experienced Middle East hand and fluent Arabic speaker, has been tipped far possible promotinn as a regional trauble shooter in the new Bush administration.

Washington's sudden decisinn that the PLO had met its terms for a resumption of talks puzzled many diplnmats yesterday. Mr Arafat's statement at a press conference in peared not tn justify the importance the Americans

gave in it. Western diplomatic sources said the substance was identical tn his speech to the UN General Assembly nn Tuesday. "The difference lay in the packaging. He simply said the same thing more clearly," one

A possible reason far Washington's decisinn to interpret the press conference mare favourably than the speech and to seize an opportunity for was that between the two it come under strong inter-The Japanese Government national pressure to scize the welcomed the US decision as opportunity Mr Arafat had

Another was that Washington was confused by the speech, which, written in Arabic, had lost something in

proach to cancer treatment,

through which tissues are

targeted for therapy, more

In a second development, at

Cambridge, described in to-

day's issue of the Lancet,

scientists report their first

successful treatment with the

magie builet approach for

combatting cancer in white

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blood cells.

cells 'self-destruct'

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Successful experiments with a will begin at the end of next new cancer treatment, which year. But the development

makes malignant tumours opens the way for scientists to

"self-destruct", were reported make the "magic bullet" ap-

Scudamore, first past the century post



Peter Scudamore, the National Hunt jockey, sharing a moment of triumph with his mount, Fu's Lady, at Haydock Park yesterday. Their partnership gave Scudamore his hundredth winner of the season — and in record time. Report, page 40

Signal rules 'not followed' claim as more faults are reported

By Rodney Cowton, Tony Dawe and Roland Rudd

Evidence is emerging of an alarming number of signal faults during the £32 million modernization programme nn the line where the train crash at Clapham Junctinn oc-

nicians installing new cables are failing to follow the proper rules. They called on British Rail to improve training, as an

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Railway experts claimed sterday that some techidentical fault to the one to have caused a signal sup-

being blamed for the collision. which killed 33 people. The fault was almost the reverse of the one nn Mnnday, when a loose cable is thought

By Roland Rudd

thought to have caused Mon-

Details of the faults were

given after another morning of

chaos nn the Waterloo line,

caused by a problem un the

signal next to the one which is

day's crash was reported.

Both inquiries will be told by Aslef, the train drivers'

posed to have been at red to

flicker at random to green and

British Rail's internal in-

quiry into the disaster contin-

ued yesterday as Mr. Paul

Channon, Secretary of State

for Transport, announced that Mr Anthony Hidden, QC, a Recorder, would chair the

public inquiry into the crash.

leaders deny that their men

The number of trains being driven through signals at red Mr Neil Milligan, general secretary of the Associated has increased dramatically in recent years, a confidential British Rail report in the Society of Locomotive Engihands of *The Times* reveals. neers and Fireman, said: "British Rail must stop blaming In 1987 there were 792 such nur members for all the signal faults. BR's equipment is not incidents, officially termed "signals passed at danger" (Spad), a rise of 300 over the infallible. The tragedy at Clapham Junction demonstr-

ates that." night because the report British Rail yesterday said it could unt explain the "rising Continued on page 22, col 4 points to driver error as the

failure hlamed for Monday's accident occurs on average three times every munth throughout the country

The union gave details yesterday of a disturbing incident on the Waterloo line 13 months ago, when a driver realized that a faulty wire at a set of points had sent a signal to change the light from red to

The wire bypassed the relay terminals, which would have resulted in the train crossing nver to a track used by express trains travelling the opposite

Aslef said: "The train was directed to face the 1ther way turned round nn itself. It was a potentially worse accident than nn Mnnday."

The Government is to give £250,000 to the Clapham Rail Disaster Fund, Mrs Thatcher announced yesterday. There were cheers from both sides of . the Communs as she an-nounced during Questinn Time the contribution to the fund set up for victims nf Monday's tragedy by the Mayor of Wandsworth.

TOMORROW

The props of war

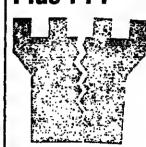
 Throughout the world, film and television companies are preparing for the anniversary next year of the Second World War.

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id:

 Tomorrow The Times finds out who's shooting what - and where they get the uniforms, vehicles and firearms they need.

Plus



"Impoverished aristocrats" should no longer receive government aid to maintain their crumbling stately homes" but should sell them instead to the nouveaux riches. Nicholas Ridley suggested recently.

 Tomorrow, in colour. The Times asks some aristocrats how they feel about Mr Ridley's suggestion.

In search of Santa: The Times scours Scandinavia for the real Father Christmas

On other pages: Bryan Appleyard on Cyprus: Clive Davis on Nat King Cole; Jonathan Meades on restaurants: Jane MacQuitty on wine; Frances Bissell, The Times Cock; and Devan Sudjic on the perfect cup of coffee.

Portfolio ---PLUS-Accumulator

 Yesterday's £4,000 daily prize was shared between two winners (see page 3). Today's Portfolio Accumulator stands at £52,000. Prices: page 27

Government prepares safety measures

A dispute developed last

cause of Spads and union

past eight years.

Egg producer to sue Currie

By Philip Webster, David Sapsted and John Young

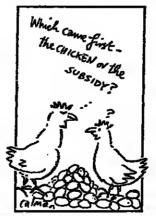
One of Britain's largest egg producers last night started legal action against Mrs Edwina Currie, the junior health minister, claiming damages for the loss caused by her remarks that most of the country's ere remarks that most of the country was a letter to The Times today. Drug makes cancer country's egg production was infected with salmonella.

Thames Valley Eggs, one of the country's "big four" producers, issued a writ against Mrs Currie as the Government urgently considered a package of measures designed to curb the spread of salmonella combined with help to the ailing poultry

Mr Juhn Macgregor, the Minister of Agriculture, was working late last night on the measures. An announcement could come today on a scheme in "buy in" surplus

After returning from Brussels yesterday he assessed the

in a letter to The Times today hy Mr John Biffen, the former Cabinet minister. He says the



eggs, Mr Macgregor was working on measures to restore the balance of supply and demand in the egg market by controlling the current glut.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher told the Commons yesterday: "We are very aware of the deep problems faced by the egg industry."

As new measures were being examined it was estimated that 10,000 jobs are likely to be lost, and up to a quarter of the nation's stock of laying hens destroyed, as a result of the scare prompted by Mrs Currie's statement on television two weeks ago.

The prediction was made by Mr Keith Pulman, secretary of Continued on page 22, col 3

We're giving away. halfour furniture for Christmas.

Royal attendance at midnight Armenia concert Many of his relatives lived there, but



By Andrew Billen Arts Correspondent

Buckingham Palace yesterday announced that the Prince and Princess of Wales are to attend tomnsrow's Musicians for Armenia concert at the Rarbican Hall.

The midnight concert features leading musicians, including André Mstislav Rostropovich and James Galway. It is being sponsored by The Times, and will be broadcast live on BBC 2 and

The news of the royal visit came nn the day contributions to the appeal of British Association of Concert Agents topped £200,000.

All proceeds from the concert will go to the Red Cross for its work in the aftermath of the Armenian

earthquake.Mr David Sigall, chairman nf the agents' association, said: "After five days of escalating activity and support this is is the culmination and will ensure the status of the event. We are immensely to grateful to Their Royal Highnesses far giving up their evening at such shart natice."

The Prince is patron of the English Chamber Orchestra, which is playing Beethnyeen's Coriolan Overture at the concert. The princess is patron of the youth movement of the British Red Cross Society.

Andrei Gavrilov, the internationally acclaimed pianist, who is performing at thw concert, spoke yesterday of his love for the people of Armenia, where his mother lives. He said he would visit the devastated regionearly next month,

none was hurt in the earthquake.

The concert begins at 11 pm and ends at 12.30 am. To help travellers at that time Berryhurst Plc has donated two 50seater coaches to take concert-goers from the Barbican to Trafalgar Square and Victoria. A special taxi service is also being organized.

The programme includes Beethoven's Coriolan, conducted by André Previn; James Galway playing Debossy's "Syrinx"; and Rostropovich, playing Villa Lobo's Bachianas Brasileiras No I, and acenmpanying his wife, Galina Vishnevskaya, in songs by Tchaikovsky.

Tickets are still available at £25, £15 and £10 (including donation) from the

Armenia concerts, page 18

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NEWS ROUNDUP

TB in deer to be made notifiable

The Government intends to make tuberculosis in deer a notifiable disease and to introduce compulsory identification and movement records. The actions, announced vesterday, come after the first recorded case in Britain of a person catching the disease from an infected deer.

Miss Janice Gumbley, who works at Bury St Austens Farm, Rudgwick, West Sussex, reacted positively when staff were tested last week after a tuberculosis outbreak among the 200 breeding hinds and 150 calves owned by Mr Carl Wheeler and Dr John Fletcher, president of the Veterinary Deer Society. Miss Gumbley has been put on an antibiotic course and there was every chance the disease would not spread to her lungs, Mr Wheeler said. Six outhreaks among deer have been confirmed in Britain.

Union suspensions

The electricians' union last night suspended its London press branch whose 1,500 members are being asked to ballot on whether they should join Sogat, the main print union. The move, being led by Mr Sean Geraghty, the branch secretary, represents one of the most serious membership challenges to the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union since its expulsion earlier this year from the TUC in the row over single union no-strike deals.

Police recruits plea

Greater Manchester Police Authority and Chief Constable James Anderton hope to meet Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, next month to try to persuade him of the urgent need to recruit 700 officers to the force within the next five years. Lawlessness on streets patrolled by too few officers constantly under risk of attack and unable to summon emergency help was the alternative, Mr Stephen Murphy, the police authority chairman, said.

Equal pay defeat

A school nursery nurse lost her legal battle yesterday for the same rate of pay as men on higher local authority pay scales. Five law lords unanimously dismissed a claim for "equal value pay" by Mrs Marion Leverton, who works for Clwyd County Council at Golftyn Infants' School in Connah's Quay, Clwyd, on the ground that the difference between her pay and that of the men she chose for comparison resulted not from sex discrimination, but because she worked shorter hours and had longer holidays than the men.

Crackdown on litter

Lord Caithness, Minister of State for the Environment, disclosed his strategy yesterday for cleaning up Britain. Increased penalties for dropping litter are under consideration together with a £3 million grant to the Tidy British group. That donbles its government funding, enabling it to complete the 16 pilot studies launched last March by Mrs Margaret Thatcher to find the best way to clear an area and then keep it clean. Lord Caithness said local pollution, such as litter, needed to be taken as seriously as the global issues of the ozone layer and acid rain.

£491,993 damages

A woman aged 21 who was paralysed from the neck down after a riding accident in 1983 won £491,993 damages in the High Court yesterday. Sharon Barfoot, of Leckhamstead Wharf House, near Buckingham, sued Alan and Jane Robertson, stable owners, after the accident at Springfield Stables, Oakham, Leicestershire. She claimed she was jumping a mare with spurs on their instructions. They admitted liability but contested the damages, Included in the award was money for a pony and trap adapted to take

QC to head inquiry into Clapham rail disaster

By Richard Ford, Paul Vallely and Frances Gibb

The Government has appointed a crown court recorder to head the public inquiry into the rail disaster at Clapham that killed 33 people.

Mr Anthony Hidden, QC, aged 52, is expected to hold an initial hearing into the worst British Rail crash in 20 years early next month.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, said the investigation would be carried out under section seven of the Regulation of Railways Act, 1871 — as was the King's Cross disaster inquiry. Mr Channon said the inquiry

would consider the cause of the accident and all other relevant

But there are calls for Mr Hidden to have a much wider brief. Last

£30,000

'job bias'

fines for

Ulster

Employers flouting job dis-crimination laws in Northern

Ireland will face fines of up to

£30,000 under measures to

from the Prime Minister.

where a strong campaign against British employment laws is ronning, Mrs Margaret

Thatcher says the Govern-

ment had promised it would

take whatever steps were nec-

All public and private sector

employers with 10 employees

or more will register with a

Fair Employment Com-

mission which has powers to

investigate employment prac-

tices and issue instructions.

They must monitor the com-

position of their workforce.

submitting annual returns and

review employment practices

every three years. Private sector firms with more than

essary to ensure equality.

By Richard Ford Political Corresponde

night Mr John Prescott, the Shadow transport secretary, said that the terms of reference of the inquiry

were unacceptable. In a letter to the Prime Minister. he demanded that she publicly state that passenger safety, staffing levels and morale, overcrowding and funding would be considered.

Dr Stuart Cole, a rail academic, said: "The inquiry must look at the relationship between finance and safety - between the reduction of subsidy to British Rail's southeastern network and the nature of the cost-cutting exercises which are currently being implemented."

The Government is reducing subsidy to the commuter rail network from levels of £280 million in

1985-86 to £80 million by 1993. By 1997 the subsidy will be abolished.

"The options BR faces are to cut costs, put up fares, or both. There will be some fare increases but the kind of rises needed to cope with such rapid cuts in subsidy would be of a level which would produce anger from the Tory voters of the South-cast.

"Cutting costs has been the only option", Dr Cole, principal lecturer in transport economics at the Business School of North London Polytechnic, said.

"The Fennell Report rather restricted itself to operations within London Transport. This inquiry must be wider."

Mr Hidden pledged that the

inquiry will do its very best to ensure that there is no repetition of this appalling tragedy.

The risks of such a repetition (which perhaps can never be totally eliminated) must be reduced to the lowest level humanly possible."

Mr Hidden, leader of the South Eastern circuit, visited the scene of the accident for half an hour on Wednesday. He said next month's opening would make decisions as to representation and give directions as to future hearings.

Mr Hidden, one of the most senior members of the Bar Council, also expressed his personal sympathy to "the families and friends bereaved by this tragic and untimely accident and to all those who have suffered injuries or have had to undergo the experience of being

flowers that had been placed on the railings "were a reminder of the waste of life and the injuries, both physical and mental, which will be the consequences of the accident" he added.

Mr Hidden is at the top of his profession where he has a mixed general common law, commercial and criminal practice. He also undertakes revenue fraud, medical negligence, Privy Council and profesional disciplinary work.

He took silk in 1976, after he was standing counsel to the Inland Revenue, prosecuting tax frauds, for several years.

He is married with two sons and a daughter and lists his recreations as playing bad golf, reading and watch-

Training shake-up to cure specialist nurses shortage

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The Government yesterday signalled a reorganization of training for specialist nurses to alleviate critical shortages in high technology nursing.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, promote fair employment beween Protestants and Roman yesterday suggested nurses could take "step by step" modular courses with more A Bill was unveiled yesterday with a glossy brochure giving key details and containemphasis on videos. They could build up credits for specific qualifications after ing a fulsome endorsement taking a series of short courses In a preface, clearly aimed at opinion in the United States instead.

The announcement came as Mr Clarke disclosed preliminary results of a survey which showed fewerthan 18 per cent of qualified nurses working in specialist wards have extra qualifications.

The shortage of paediatrie intensive care nurses, highlighted in Birmingham last November with the David Barber hole-in-the heart case, prompted the study which covered nurses in accident and emergency departments, operating departments, renal units, coronary care, paediatrie intensive care units and neonatal units. The survey of 38,305 nurs-

ing staff found only 4,840 out 250 workers must monitor of 27,000 qualified staff in applications. high technology specialities Failure to provide annual had a post registration qualmonitoring returns will be a ification. That compared with criminal offence, Employers 20,000 clinical certificates breaching statutory obligaissued by the English National tions will be unable to get Board, responsible for nurse government grants or tender training, over the past 10 for public sector projects.



Mr Kenneth Clarke with Miss Linda Davidson, editor of Nursing Times, yesterday.

or gone to the private sector. Mr Clarke told a conference long, too dear and produced needs.

years. Many nurses take on nurse recruitment and re- "overtrained nurses". 1 The qualifications for promotion. tention organized by Nursing Government is funding the Others may have left nursing Times that the survey found English National Board over

many felt courses were too an in-depth study of training

Project to eradicate salmonella to be ended

By Ruth Gledhill

A project to find a method for the poultry industry to get rid of salmonella will end in March - before its final results are known - after the withdrawal of a research grant by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Three scientists at the Institute of Food Research at Bristol, who are said to be on the brink of the discovery, will lose their jobs and the project will end before the completion of field studies.

These already have succeeded in keeping salmonella from 20 flocks out of 22 in trials to date.

The project is based on the theory that the spread of salmonella results from intensive farming methods which mean chicks never have the chance to have salmonellaresistant bacteria passed on to them by their mothers.

Dr Geoff Mead, head of the hygiene section at the in-stitute, said: "Chicks go into the boilerhouse with a very, very small amount of gut bacteria. They start to eat food which is often contaminated with salmonella. It is easy for the bacteria to spread and it just romps away."
Under normal conditions,

the hen would pass on gut bacteria to her chicks which would drive out the salmo-

Dr Mead said the aim was for egg producers to introduce the bacteria into their chicks

lfthe dentist's drill is nodelight, a warm

surgery can at least lessen the discomfort.
Shrewsbury dentist Paul Byrne-Price

found the answer to patients' needs with

ment knowing they are relaxed and comfortable he said.

the surgery was often cold, with condensation on the windows, and the

Looking for an economical, controllable alternative. Mr Byrne-Price contacted Midlands Electricity for advice. The solution was an electric storage heating system with room temperatures set by automatic controls. Running costs were kept low by opting for night-rate electricity and upgrading roof-space

heating system expensive to run.

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The problem before was that in winter

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HELPING BUSINESS MAKE MORE OF ITS ENERGY

Acook-chill cure for catering

is siving hospitals, hotels and restaurants

normally at a central location but fastchilled within 90 minutes and stored at just above freezing point (0-3°C) until it is needed. It's then re-heated in finishing kitchens needing low capital investment

and minimum staff.

Demolord Hospital, Plymouth, is among the many organisations benefiting from Cook-Chill.

The hospital is believed to have the largest directly managed Cook-Chill operation in Nonhern Europe, preparing 6,500 meals a day for distribution to the

Electricity is the key to the system that young hospitals, hotels and restaurants during the Monday-Friday working week. thousands of pounds a year in more efficient entering – Cook-Chill.

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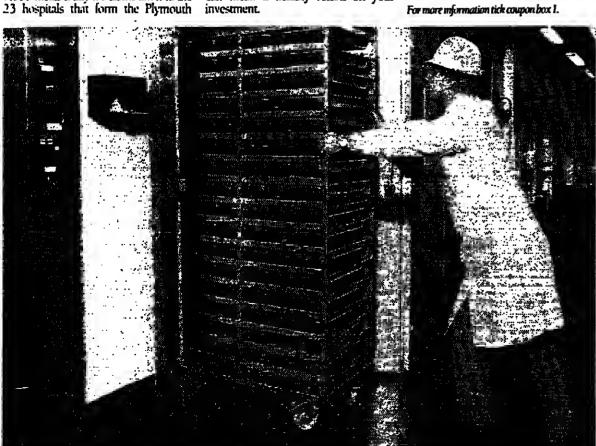
and the city itself.

The Cook-Chill concept was introduced at Derriford in 1985 when the kitchen was due to be refurbished and equipment updated.

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Compact disc manufacturers Nimbus earned the company the 1987 BETA rophy for energy efficiency in buildings For more information tick coupon box 2.

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Former champion trainer jailed for cruelty to horse

pion Scottish racehorse trainer, was jailed for six months yesterday after being con-victed last month of cruelty to a horse. It was his third conviction in four years.

Jedhurgh Sheriff Court was said. caused by Bell that eventually led to an unbroken filly attempting to commit suicide by hitting her head against a Land-Rover.

Bell, aged 60, of Midshiels, Hawick, Borders, was found guilty on November 24 of causing the filly unnecessary suffering by towing the horse behind the Land-Rover at speed and causing the horse to

It was said he had also struck the filly repeatedly with a stick during the iocideot, which took place at his farm on July 15.

A representative of the Jockey Club was at the trial and a report is to be sent to the club stewards.

Sheriff James Paterson had said he had been impressed by the evidence of Miss Nadia Dallapiazza, aged 16, and Miss Josette Ross, aged 17, both stable girls from Edin-burgh, who joined the stables on the day of the incident.

Miss Dallapiazza said when giving evidence at Bell's trial: "It was getting beaten around the head. Its head was swollen and so were its legs. It got to the stage where it just couldn't

Harry Bell, the former cham- take any more and it was tence, he was "amazed" that Land-Rover." After witnessing Bell's cruelty, both im-mediately packed their bags and returned home, the sheriff

> Two days later inspectors from the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals went to inspect the filly, but were told that the horse had been put down because she had thrown a

Sheriff Paterson said the only inference he could draw from the fact that the horse had disappeared was a "sinister one

"If the horse had been examined it would have supported the evidence that it had beeo cruelly treated", he said at Bell's trial. Yesterday, Sheriff Paterson

said the severity of the cruelty and Bell's two previous convictions left him with oo alternative but to impose a custodiai sentence. Mr Edward Targowski, for racing, the defence, said that his client Inste

on his farm if he was sent to prison. An appeal is to be lodged on Bell's behalf, but an applicatioo for interim liberation was

refused by the sheriff.

trying to kill itself, It threw its Bell had oot been banned head in the direction of the from having anything to do with horses ever again, "It is the worst case of cruelty involving a horse I have known in my time as chief executive here", he said.

For a quarter of a century Bell built up his stables in the Borders, attracting fame and gaining a steady stream of winners including three victories in the Scottish Grand National.

However, by 1984, it emerged that Bell's methods fell far short of the acceptable. An inspector from the SSPCA noticed a mare stumbling in a field. It appeared weak and thin and, later, Bell was fined £500 for failing to provide proper veterinary care. The mare, La Gavina, was put

The Jockey Club handed out a seven-mooth ban on Bell holding a Naconal Hunt training licence as a result of the case, but be retaliated by saying he was finished with

the defence, said that his client would probably lose the lease on his farm if he was sent to

He was fined £100 for breach of the peace after threatening a vet and, in 1985, admitted causing unnecessary Last night Sir Cameroo suffering to two heifers by Rusby, chief executive of the having their legs bound tosociety, said that while he gether too tightly over too long welcomed a custodial sen- a period.

Kaufman and BBC pay for libel

£175,000 damages for police

Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow Home Secretary at the cent police officers and was shadow Foreign Secretary, and the BBC paid £175,000 libel damages in the High Court yesterday to 16 police officers linked to the beating of five schoolboys.

The officers were investigated after five innocent youths were assaulted by police from a transit van in Holloway, oorth London, in

August 1983. Michael Davies, that oone of the 16 was involved in the pay damages and costs. assault or subsequent coverup by the guilty officers who were jailed last year.

similar vans that oight and

patrol in north London in two were the subject of investiga- deal further than turns out to the behaviour of those police Mr Kaufman, who was intention of attacking inno- assaults."

time, called on the BBC glad to apologise to them. London Phis programme for the dismissal of officers from all three vans, guilty and innocent alike.

ral conclusioo for any viewer been involved and that was a serious libel. Mr Kaufman and the BBC

accept that oone was involved Their counsel, Mr Patrick in the assault or cover-up. Moloney, told Mr Justice They withdrew the allega-They withdrew the allegations, apologised, agreed to

Mr Robin Cooper, Mr Kaufman's solicitor, said his client was unfortunately under the They were, however, on misapprehension that the conspiracy of silence about the assault had extended a great have been the case. He had no officers who committed the

Mr Desmond Browne, for the BBC, also apologised and said it had no intendoo of

attacking the 16 whose inno-cence it fully accepted. Mr Moloney said the natulo June, 11 of the 16 won was that some of the 16 had £160,000 libel damages from the Evening Standard. Outside the court, Chief

Inspector Ian Russell, one of the 16 backed by the Police Federation, said it was irres-ponsible of Mr Kaufman to villify us in public without a shred of evidence."

All had suffered personally from the strain of having the allegations hanging over them. He described the assault as "most shameful" and added:

"My colleagues and I abbor cheques were stolen.



Guard wounded in bungled robbery

An armed policeman on a rooftop watching a flat near East India Dock Road, east London, after the raid yesterday.

and Patrick O'Hanlon

Two men were arrested yesterday after a security guard was wounded in a bungled £75,000 armed robbery in the East End of London.

The guard, from Security Express, was shot in the thigh and ankle as he delivered money to Barclays Bank in East India Dock Road, Poplar, at about 11.10am.

He was shot after be refused to hand over several cash bags. Last night he was in a comfortable condition in the London Hospital.

The robbers fled through a

shopping arcade, chased by the wounded guard's colleague, another Securicor driver and the public.

Armed officers from Lime house division and the PT17 unit surrounded a flat in nearby Ricardo Street. Two men were subsequently arrested: one attempting to leave the premises and the other inside later. Police fired no shots.

Chief Supt Richard Franklin, commander of Limehouse division, said at least three shots had been fired from a handgun, believed to be either a .22 or .38 pistol.

A starting pistol and money training room overlooking the were recovered from the flat. he added. Police are still looking for the handgun used in the robbery, and want to trace a third man seen running from the scene towards a from his leg. I bandaged him tower block.

It is believed that £60,000 and £15,000 in traveller's was passing the bank took the guard to hospital. Mr Franklin said: "The

in his twenties and bleeding A private ambulance which

straightaway so the shooting

started. A shot was fired into the air, then the guard was shot in the ankle then the

The wounded guard was tended by Mr Vince Proto, a go down and two fellas runfireman based at Poplar sta-tioo opposite the bank. ning. One had a gun, the other

was carrying money bags. Mr Proto said: "I was in the "They were being followed by people who I think were firemen. One went under Fitzwilliam House, (a 20scene, heard several shots and saw the guard on the ground. "I grabbed a first aid kit and

storey tower block near the went to help the man who was scene) and the other went into Kerbey Street. At one stage he dropped one of the bags, stopped, and went back for it.

"That gave one of the blokes chasing time to catch Leading Firemen Dave up. But the robber threatened guard was told to hand over Smith and Brian Dolan him, I don't know if it was Yard is pr the cash. He didn't do so chased the men but they with a gun, and the other guy inquiry into the shooting.

Police lead away a man after they had surrounded the flat in Ricardo Street. disappeared into the warren of buildings behind the bank. put his hands up and backed off."

More than 300 children. Mrs Debbie Jones, aged 25, teachers and staff in two was in a cafe near the bank infants' schools took cover when the shooting started. after a seven-year-old boy spotted ooe of the robbers "I looked up, saw the guard

running across the playground wielding a gun. The west London gun battle which left two detectives and three armed robbers wounded was not a planned police

ambush but an armed surveillance operation, according to Scotland Yard sources yes-Two undercover detectives were outgunned but challenged the robbers as they fled

from the post office when the

alarm was raised. Scotland

Assault on girl friend 'caused by steroid'

By Mark Ellis

A man accused of trying to murder his girl friend walked free from court yesterday after a judge ruled that he was not responsible for his actions because of drugs he was taking

after cosmetic surgery. The judge directed the jury to acquit Mr Steven Haines. aged 27, a mechanic, on the third day of his trial at Reading Crown Court.

Mr Justice French said: "This is a remarkable case, unparalleled in my experience and in my reading of the law". Mr Haines was alleged to have tried to kill Miss Siobhan Hobbs, aged 24, his girl friend, carlier this year in the home they shared in Twyford, Berkshire, after she found him bashing his head against a wall.

When she questioned his behaviour, he attacked her with a variety of weapons including a knife and a hroken bottle and threw a microwave oven at her, the court heard.

Mr Haines began acting in a 'bizarre way" after cosmetic surgery to correct a jaw defect. He was prescribed drugs in-cluding antibinties, antidepressants Dexamethasone, a steroid which, the court was told, in about five per cent of cases could bring on a mild form

psychosis. The trial was halted after Dr Paul Dorban, a forensic psychiatrist, told the jury: "At the time of the uffence the defendant was suffering from a rare psychosis which drama-

capacity for control". He said the psychosis was brought on by the administratioo of Dexamethasone,

Dr Dorban said both before and after the attack Mr Haines was "well-adjusted" and sioce the attack he had lived "an entirely normal life". The couple had planned to marry next year, but the relationship ended oo the day of the attack.

Portfolio —PLUS NEW— Accumulator

There were two winners of yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio prize.

Mr David Grose, an hotelier, of Thurlestone, Kingsbridge, Devon, will use his share to clear an overdraft

Mr Douglas Durie, a retired farmer, of Camp Green Farm, Debenham,

Seven held after dawn drug raids

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard detectives were questioning six men and a woman last night after a twoyear international investigation into a multi-million pound caonabis oetwork linked to organized crime in Britain and the United States.

Drugs were allegedly smug-gled ioto Britain from a boat off Devon. Police swooped as they believe the gang was planning to ship 20 tons of the drug worth £20 million. Two small freighters cost-

ing about £70,000 each were bought to move the cargo from North Africa.

The Londoo gang is suspected of conoections with the Mafia on both coasts of America. Detectives believe the network is linked to a huge cannabis smuggling operation halted by British and American investigators

The Yard's organised crime task force under Det Chief Supt Brian Boyce carried out dawn raids un nine London addresses yesterday.

The task force has co-operated closely with the Fed-eral German police, the BKA, the Garda Siochana in the Irish Republic, the Drug Enforcement Agency io the United States and Customs. Police in The Netherlands. Portugal and Spaio also took part in the investigation.

Delays 'will worsen'

Airline users see safety risk

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

An airline passengers consumer group yesterday criticized the Government, the Civil Aviation Authority, the Government, airlines and airport operators to blame each other instead of the BAA for their "complacent and dismissive" attitude to the crisis of congestion of Britain's airports.

**The building of a fourth major airport to serve London is surely unthinkable", the companion of the committee said. at Britain's airports.

It demanded immediate acand airport terminals in the South-east.

The Air Transport Users Committee, set op by the CAA to lobby on behalf of airline

demand for air travel, it said.

man of the committee, said. "We are also concerned that tion to provide more runways as the pressure on an inadequate infrastructure io-

the system for safety purposes risk being eroded." The group was particularly users, said io its annual report scathing in its criticism of that passengers were "heartily BAA, formerly the British fed up" with delays and Airports Authority, which, it fed up" with delays and Airports Authority, which, it painted a gloomy picture of claimed, was "virtually alone" continuing delays next in believing that no additional

Too little had been done to case the problem and officials had still not "grasped the nettle" of providing more capacity to meet the sures " and occurring that no additional runway would be needed in the South-east until the year 2000.

The group instead maintains that a new runway is the sures " and occurring that no additional runway would be needed in the South-east until the year 2000. The group instead maintains that a new runway is needed urgently to give a

creases the margins built into study to see to what extent a cross runway at Heathrow could be developed for use by

mand for air travel, it said. degree of flexibility so that It also sought a greate. "We are fed up with at-future demand can be met. It of quiet aircraft at night.

committee did oot know where a new runway could be built, because the Govern-ment had boxed itself into a corner by decisions which limited development at Gatwick, Heathrow and Stansted. His group urged Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, to set up an urgent technical feasibility

gency runway at Gatwick used It also sought a greater use

smaller aircraft and the emer-

Red flu cases sweep Britain

GPs doubling twice within the babies. last formight.

oumber of cases reported by not cause serious illness in

more virulent than other heart, renal or lung disease or infected reached 918.

An influenza outbreak is strains. It mainly affected diabetes should ask their GP sweeping Britain with the people under 20 and would about vaccination.

The Royal College of General Practitioners says there are 28 cases of Taiwan flo per last formight.

However the Department of Health emphasized last night that the strain of flu – known as Taiwan or Red fin – was no chronic pulmonary disease, in the flu epidemic of the rate of the rate of the rate of the rate of those in the rate of the rate of those in the rate of the rate of the rate of those in the rate of the

By Tim Jones Employment Affairs Correspondent

Britain's executives believe Northerners are friendly, careful with money, down to earth, loyal to employers and have a sense of humour, while Southerners are ambitions, entrepreneurial, under stress, spobbish and wealthy.

Those are some of the findings of a survey published today by MORI which monstrates that in the executive mind

the North/South divide is a fact of life. On such key factors as schools, cost of living and education, people in the North clearly feel they are better off. Northerners are happier with their travel to work, cost of living, housing and shops. Southerners are more satisfied with their work and job availability but less so with their lifestyle. The survey, for Hoggett

Bowers, an executive recruitment consultancy, shows while 14 per cent of Southern executives would not consider a move North, 37 per cent of Northerners are unwilling to contemplate a move

A total of 201 executives, half person-nel directors, from companies in London, Leeds and Manchester took part in the survey which shows that an emphatic 78 per cent of Northern executives consider Southerners wealthy, and 71 per cent of their Southern counterparts agree. Within both groups, the survey shows more than 85 per cent agreement that job security, interesting work, salary levels, benefits, the opportunity to show initiative and career property are all im-

tive and career prospects are all im-portant in their jobs. Northern executives, however, tend to

be less satisfied with their employment, particularly the benefits package, career prospects and salary levels. Although personnel directors said they aim to get the best person for the job, 24

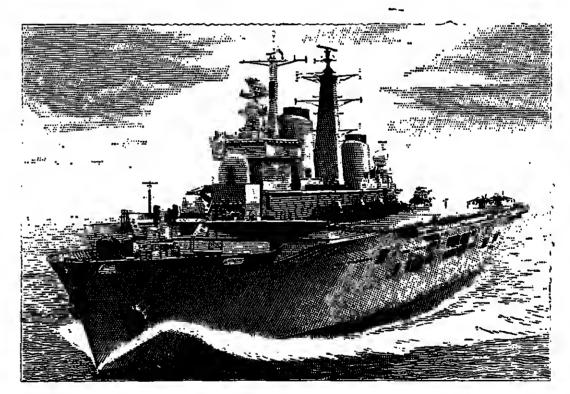
per cent in the North prefer to employ executives from their own area compared with only 16 per cent in the South. A quarter of northern personnel directors feel their location is a disadvantage for recruitment while only half that

oumber of southern personnel directors

regard the South as a disadvantage.

Only one executive in three would consider moving to another European country, although two-fifths claimed to speak a foreign language well enough to do business. Three-quarters of senior personnel directors, the survey shows, do not know which skills will be scarce after 1992.

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By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Measures to speed up house-buying such as putting the onus of carrying out search inquiries on to the vendor are called for by the Law Commission in a report published yesterday.

It says such a move - which has been suggested by the Law Society - would cut delays in house-buying which at present can run to several weeks. The vendor would then pass the answers to the buyer.

The commission, the law reform body, also calls for a statutory time limit of ten working days to be imposed on councils when replying to "local search" inquires concerning planning and other routine

Where local authorities fail to reply within the time limit, owners would be entitled to proceed without replies and

The commission suggests a phased four-point plan to cut delays and bring a "significant improvement" in the service offered by some councils.

It says sellers should put in inquiries and pass the replies on to buyers, eliminating initial delay, a short form of inquiries comprising four instead of 18 questions should be introduced for most properties by next June, reducing local authorities' workload; records should be computerized where appropriate; and legislation should require councils to reply within the time limit and compensate losers.

Legislation should be prepared at the earliest opportunity, the commission says. When parliamentary time is available, if no improvements have been achieved as a result of the proposals, "statutory interven-

thority, a clear intention to

prosecute and such intention

is founded on the existence of

sufficient evidence". Fine Gael politicians have

expressed concern at Mr Mur-

ray's decision. Mr Alan

Dukes, Fine Gael leader, said

that he the Irish attorney

general "may have gone beyond his functions in this

Mr Charles Haughey, Irish

Prime Minister, dismissed the allegation, saying that the Irish attorney general is "a quasi-judicial person and forensic defender of the people

and the best suited to defend

the constitutional rights of

Irish legal experts argue that

the rights of Irish citizens are

defended by the Supreme

Court, not by the attorney

made it clear that it will accept

British demands for the aboli-

the women had been to a

public bouse at the horse sale

for three hours and at The

Dove in Poringland, near

"Caroline could not walk in

Norwich, for a further two.

The Irish government has

Irish citizens".

Father Ryan affair

UK 'could win legal

challenge in Dublin'

A legal challenge to the description of cision by Mr John Murray, the said. He "acted in a judicial the relevant prosecuting au-

The British Government could ask the Dublin High Court to quash Mr Murray's decision, the lawyer said. The

growing belief in Dublin legal

circles that the decision could

be challenged follows the arti-

cle in The Times yesterday by

Mr John Kelly, a former Irish

attorney general, who said Mr

According to the 1987 Extradition (Amendment)

Act. Mr Murray is empowered

to accept or reject an extra-

dition warrant on two

grounds. He has to decide

whether there is "sufficiency

of evidence" against a wanted

man and he has to satisfy

himself that Britain will pros-

ecute a suspect on the original

and attempted to determine counts. In his 16-page statement justifying his decision to have given Ryan a fair trial", a decline the British request he in extradition

Crash woman four times over limit

A mother was more than four the car crashed, killing Mrs Evenden, aged 11, went with times the legal drink-drive Foster, of Hill Farm Road, her. Zoe said in a statement

Mr James Hipwell, the

coroner, heard how Mrs Fos-

ter had been drinking for five

hours before the crash in

they had begged Mrs Caroline with her daughters Susan, frightened we might have an accident", she said. "We did because they knew she was Her friend, Mrs Sheila Burnot want Caroline to drive".

Within a mile of setting off, Jodi, aged nine, and Zoc death was recorded.

charges listed in a warrant.

legal powers".

Murray had "exceeded his

an attorney general."

Irish Attorney General, not to role instead of acting within extradite Father Patrick Ryan, the extradition legislation as

"He should not have embarked on a course of his own ray was satisfied on both

times the legal drink-drive Foster, of Hill Farm Road,

October.

limit when she got behind the Halesworth, Suffolk.

the alleged IRA terrorist,

could be mounted in the

Dublin High Court, according

to experts in Irish constitu-

believe the British Govern-

ment would have the legal

standing to mount an action

and to seek a High Court ruling overturning Mr Mur-

They expressed surprise that the British Attorney Gen-eral, Sir Patrick Mayhew, has so far shown no interest in

exploring this legal route as

they believe there would be a

reasonable chance of success.

They argue that Mr Murray

was wrong to reject the British

extradition request because he

doubted whether Father Ryan

would receive a fair trial in

wheel with four children hud-

dling in fear on the back seat

of her car, an inquest in

The children, four girls all

aged below ll, were so terrified

Norwich was told yesterday.

Seninr counsel in Dublin

tional law.

ray's decision.

local authorities would have to compensate them if they suffered any loss as a result, the commission says.

tion may seem irresistible". Professor Julian Farrand, chairman of the conveyancing committee, said: "The early steps in conveyancing urgently need speeding up. "We have to cut down the period of

uncertainty before exchange of contracts which property owners and buyers suffer at present and which encourages gazumping and gazundering.

"A handful of local authorities are guilty of major delays which can cause real hardship. "We are putting forward a practical reform programme which can be started at

once without legislation." Although the Association of Metropolitan Authorities said they were encouraging members to keep within the 10-day target in processing inquiries, a "not insignficant number of authorities consistently exceed

this target time and measures beyond mere

exhortation appear necessary", the com-

mission says. Inquiries relating to planning, road maintenance and compulsory acquisition are submitted to local anthorities as a matter of routine in almost all conveyancing transactions. A minimum fee of £11.30 is charged.

Local Authority Enquiries: Defeating Delays.
Recommendations of the Conveyancing
Standing Committee of the Law Commission.
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 The 4,700 houses and flats owned by Conservative-controlled Chiltern District Council have been transferred out of municipal ownership in one of the biggest examples to date of the government's policy of gradually abolishing council bousing, (David Walker writes).

The properties were bought by a nonprofit-making housing association which has pledged to peg rents to the level of inflation for at least three years. The

Luce launches sculpture gallery

£33 million deal, was approved by Chiltern tenants in a vote, and earlier this week the Government gave its blessing.

Mr Ron Kibble, council's chief housing officer, of the Amersham-based council, has resigned in order to take over as chief executive of the new landlords, the Chiltern Hundreds Housing Association.

Until the new Housing Act comes into force next year, councils - mainly Conservative - have been selling property voluntarily, in most cases to non-profitmaking housing associations. Among those awaiting government approval are Sevenoaks, Kent and Torbay, Devon.

However, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, has delayed the Torbay decision after only 15 per cent of eligible tenants approved the sale plan. The Sevenoaks transferappears more likely to be given the go-ahead after 85 per cent of tenants voted in favour.

More court hearings may be 'secret'

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

Certain hearings which are held in open court in the Chancery division of the High Court may be held in camera if proposals before the Judges' Council are approved.

A committee of 18 judges and lawyers suggests changes in procedure which affect exparte hearings where only one side is represented.

Many matters of public interest start in the Chancery division, where litigants may choose to go so it is heard in

They include applications for injunctions, such as by employers against trade unions, over company matters (such as to stop the transfer of shares), over partnerships, wills, and land.

The proposal would bring Chancery division procedure into line with that in the Queen's Bench division. where hundreds of such applications every week are heard in private, although in chambers where solicitors can appear rather than in camera. where they cannot.

But it will upset newspaper

editors and some lawyers who have been lobbying for practice to be rationalized so more

hearings are in open court. The Guild of British Newspaper Editors said all preliminary proceedings - whether both sides are there are not -

should be in open court. In another proposal, the committee wants to bring a second class of case - preliminary hearings in the Queen's Bench division where both sides are present - out of chambers and into open court.

The changes, aimed at streamlining procedures in the High Court divisions, would leave in chambers Queen's Bench applications where only one side is represented.

qualist

The proposals are being opposed by the Law Society. But Mr Robert Johnson QC, Bar chairman, welcomed the decision to hold hearings in open court where both parties were represented.

Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, turns his attention to exhibits in the sculpture gallery at the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, which he officially opened yesterday. The gallery, to be a centre for late 18th and 19th century sculpture, includes marbles and bronzes from the lace Blundell Collection, and works by Giovanni Fontana, and John Gibson and his circle.

Curators condemn museum sale plan

The Museums Association, the curators' professional society, has condemned as a "fundamental error" the Gov-ernment's plans to give national museums more powers to dispose of their collections.

It says Treasury claims that funding is already adequate

policy for museums and the national heritage.

The association is responding to a consultation document from the Minister for the Arts that proposes to give powers to the National Galery, the Tate and the National

Portrait Gallery to sell items. Curators have disclosed Commons Public Accounts Committee's reiteration this week of the recommendation

that museums should consider disposing of items. "The association believes passionately that a decision to adopt the proposals would be a fundamental error with grave conequences for the heritage of this country", it says in its submission, not due until the end of the year.

"We see no benefit in

forcing new powers on highly

seen by the association as a signal of national policy to all museums that they should capitalize on their collections. "We cannot believe that it is

of trustees who have made it

clear that they do not want

The minister's proposals are

essential encourage such action. It does not accord with its declared policy to safeguard the

The Public Accounts Committee had condemned national museums over their care of collections, and Dr Patrick Boylan, association president, responded last night by saying: "The disposal of collections is no solution to the museum funding crisis and the problem

is getting worse, not better,

due to the long-term contin-

respected independent boards ment in the care of the nation's collections. "A substantial injection of

new cash and a fundamental rethinking of govenment funding priorities is now

"The Treasury's claim that adequate funds are available within the existing arts budget

The MPs had said that museums had to consider disposing of items and that there was "no escape from the view that an inexorable rise in the size of the collections places serious demands on

limited public funds" A spokesman for Mr Richard Luce, the minister, who was in Liverpool opening a sculpture display at the Walker Art Gallery, would make no comment until all submissions had been made at

Brothers are jailed for iron bar death

Two brothers were failed in Belfast yesterday for the man-slaughter of a teenager they attacked with iron bars after

their car was vandalized. William James Kelly, aged 21, and his brother Patrick. aged 18, had earlier been acquitted on the judge's direction, of murdering Thomas McPharland, aged 19, in

Andersonstown. Both admitted his manslaughter. William Kelly was jailed for seven years and his younger brother for four. The brothers received concurrent three and two-year sentences respectively for causing grievous bodily harm to a second man,

A third Kelly brother, Sean, aged 20, and Francis Halligan, a neighbour, were given non-custodial sentences for attacking that man,

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BRITISH MIDLAND

£90m for reforms in schools By Douglas Broom Education Reporter

More than £90 million is to be spent next year to smooth the introduction of two of the Government's key education reforms, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Edu-cation and Science, announced yesterday.

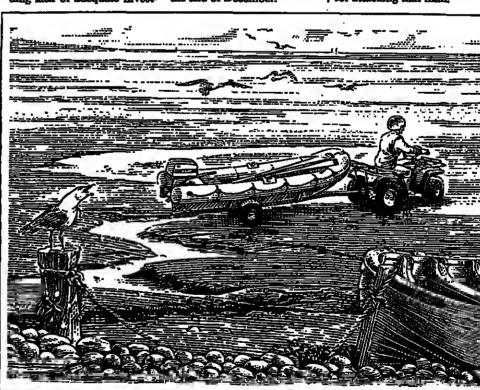
He told the Commons that the 96 English education authorities would share £125.5 million in Education Support Grant from next April — the highest level ever. Of the total, £29 million will be spent on introducing the new national curriculum for all state schools, including £9.5 million for information technology equipment, and £14.5 million on the core subjects of English, mathema-

tics and science. The sum also includes £35 million to cover the costs of introducing the new system of self-management of schools. A further £25 million, to be

spent on areas ranging from primary school science to improving local authority school inspection services, will bring the total devoted to implementing the Education Reform Act to more than £90

For the inner cities, the £125.5 million programme includes £2.4 million for the provision of youth leaders in deprived areas, £3 million for establishing adult literacy centres and £1.5 million for improvement of adult education facilities.

The Education Support Grant, introduced in 1985, enables the Government to provide direct funding to support particular projects in addition to block grant paid to



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Another fine piece of headgear

David Bartlett tries two hats worn by Laurel and Hardy in their 1927 film Hats Off at Christie's in London yesterday. The hats are expected to fetch £25,000 today at a film and entertainment sale. David, aged 15, from Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, is a Laurel and Hardy enthusiast and six years ago he became the youngest member of The Sons of the Desert, their official appreciation society. However, he does not expect to be bidding today. "I only get £1 a week pocket money", be said.

MPs attack crisis in information technology staffing

towards Britaio's rapidly widening trade balance in informatioo technology and towards promnting the British information technology

The Cooservative-cootrolled Trade and Industry Committee lamented the lack of a co-ordinated national IT strategy and the downgraded princity the Government atached to the vital area.

It said the shortage of elevant skills in the workforce constituted a crisis. Tno little was being spent on research and development. The Government was failing policies to help the industry.

The MPs rejected as sim-plistic the Government's assertion that the health of the British IT industry was less important than whether IT was being used effectively by British industry generally. "It is wrong to neglect the billion last year on IT for strength of the UK's own IT itself, the MPs noted, but

A committee of MPs yes- industry and to regard the failed to use that for specific terday condemned the Gov- deteriorating balance of trade ends such as developing cerernmeot's "complacency" in IT products and services tain techniques, acting as a with complacency," they said. Last year the trade deficit in IT and electronics amounted to £2.2 billion, the worst for 10

years, but the MPs insisted that a deficit was "not inevitable". They pointed to the aboli-tion of the post of Minister of Information Technology as evidence of the lower priority the Government attached to

IT as a frontier technology.

They said that during their inquiry they had been "surprised to hear so many people disclaim responsibility for government IT policy".

The report said there were up to 30,000 unfilled va-cancies in the IT field. The MPs described the shortage as deplorable. There was little prospect of

an early remedy. "We face a crisis both in quantity and quality

The Government spent £1.8

platform for exports, or enforcing common standards.

The committee made 52 recommendations, of which the foremost was that the Secretary of State for Trade and industry should be responsible for all aspects of IT policy and report annually.

It called for measures to increase the provision of IT training and research in institutions and in industry, and to ensure equal access for European firms to the Japanese and American markets.

Last night Mr Derek Fatchett, Labour spokesman on education and training, said the report showed Britain was "falling further and fur-ther behind in our ability to use and develop II". He called for an emergency programme to give young people the necessary skills. Trade and Industry Select Com-

mittee: Information Technology (Stationery Office, £5.90). Granada TV to build a 'media city'

A 4,400 yesterday for a script of George Orwell's only play at Sotheby's English literature and history sale. The auctioneers refused to

confirm the buyer was related to the author, whose real name was Eric Blair.

Mr Geoffrey Stevens, a retired builder's merchant who had kept the school script of King Charles II for 56 years and saw it triple its estimate, said: "I'm absolutely astonished at the price".

It was written as a Christmas treat for 12 papils of regret only for the women we had preserved them for 40 Hawthorns High School, in leave behind... If this diary years. "The owner sold us the

SALEROOM by Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

Hayes, west London, includ-

ing Mr Stevens. One of Scott of the Antarctic's final letters, found with his body, sold to

£37,000, triple estimate.

stuck by dying companions." The draft of a wartime letter high value items", said Dr from Churchill to Stalin about Kathryn Thompson, the Leic-Poland sold for £18,150 (es- estershire county archivist.

The National Heritage Memorial Fund stepped in to save five items from the Sir William Herrick archive - an important collection of Jacobean state papers relating to the jeweller and treasury teller.

timate up to £5,000).

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Orwell's only play goes to Mr Blair is found it will show how we bulk of the archive by private treaty sale, but pulled out the

> A huge group of documents including 25 warrants signed by Francis Bacon, the philos-opher, lawyer and statesman, was bought far £115,500 (estimate £100,000 to £120,000) by Quaritch.

> At Sotheby's New York, the original radin play typescript of The War of the Worlds, by Orsoo Welles, sold to an American private collector for \$143,000 (£74,479). The price was four times its estimate.

Cuba puts package to save shipyard

By Peter Davenport

Cuba has proposed a package to build a fleet of ships providing 900 jobs at the shipyards io Sunderlaod. whose closure was announced by the Government last week. The plan, which would involve the Cubans leasing facilities and assuming financial risks, was disclosed yesterday by campaigners fighting to maintain some shiphuilding capacity oo

Wearside. An official of Acemex, the Cuban state shipping au-thority, is expected to visit London next week for talks with the Department of Trade

and Industry. Last night Mr Alan Milburn, co-ordinator of the Save Our Shipyards cam-paign, said: "This is a golden apportunity with no strings attached for the Government. "It should oot be spurned

because it would mean jobs for almost half the current workforce. Uoder the proposed package the Cubans would lease the modern facilities at the

Southwick yard of North East Shipbuilders to build a fleet of 10 cargo vessels worth £110 million under British management.

The last vessel being built on Wearside, a £5 millioo ferry, was launched earlier this week. If the Cuban package is not taken up, it will bring 600 years of shipbuilding no the river to an end.

Last night the Department of Trade and Industry said that officials will meet the Cuban representative, but it was anxions to do nothing that would jeopardize EEC funds worth £45 millioo for

Media Editor use of Granada services, to-Granada Television is to cregether with other emerging communications systems.

ate a "media city" in Manchester and Salford for Britain's new broadcasters, it was annouoced yesterday.

By Richard Evans

The company's 20-acre site will be a springboard "for many wishing to participate in a third age of broadcastine." Mr David Plowright, chair-

trial nine years ago was ac-cused yesterday of misleading

On the 19th day of the appeal inquiry into the case,

Mr Paul Foot, the journalist,

was asked about his televised

claim last year that there had been a cover-up relating to the original police hunt for the

killers who shot the newsboy

Mr Jeremy Roberts, QC, for the Crown, said Mr Foot in his television reconstruction of the case Murder at the Farm,

had alleged that the defence

was oot made aware of evi-

dence that might have assisted

Mr Roberts said there had beeo oo duty oo the prosecution to make the evidence

available and there had been

the accused.

Journalist denies

murder case 'slur'

A journalist whose Press and oo impropriety whatever. Mr televisioo campaigns have Foot's allegation of a cover-cast doubt on the validity of up, connsel went on, amounthe Carl Bridgewater murder ted to an unfair shir that had

at Yew Tree Farm, Stour- the case, If I learnt today that bridge, West Midlands, on they (the convicted men) were

Independent producers will rent offices on the site, making Mr Plowright disclosed the

plan at a staff conference where he announced the reorganization of the company into three divisions facilities, production and distribution, and broadcasting. Mr Plowright said: "The biggest change and biggest

been witnessed by seven mil-

presentations of the case. If

the law permitted what had

taken place to take place, then

always had an open mind on

everything".

Michael Hickey, Vincent
Hickey, his cousin, and James

sentences at Stafford Crown Court, oo November 12, 1979,

for murder and aggravated

transferred from prison to

Park Lane mental hospital on Merseyside. This followed a protracted prisoo rooftop pro-test he made about his

Vincent, aged 34, formerly of Badger's Close, Redditch, Hereford and Worcester, and

Robinson, aged 54, of Wolston Croft, Weoley Castle,

the law was wrong, he said. Mr Foot went on: "I have

Mr Foot refused to withdraw the allegation and denied that he had been unfair in his

lion viewers.

threat to Granada is that in 1992 we face the prospect of an auction to secure another franchise for the North-West. Granada retains a serious interest in trying to acquire a commercial television franchise beyond 1992.

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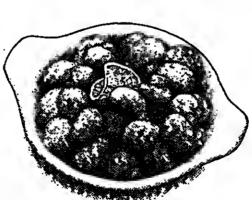


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Birmingham, were each re-commended to serve at least 25 years of their life sentences. The three were refused leave to appeal in 1981 but Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, acted in October last year to refer the case back.

Weekend food prices

Turkey still reigns on the Christmas tables

Four out of five households will choose turkey for their main Christmas meal this year. Prices range between 50p and 60p a lh for frozen birds in supermarkets to £1.20 for the top quality farm fresh

During the salmonella scare, it is important to ensure the frozen birds are properly thawed and that all poultry is thoroughly cooked.

production methods.

About half a million are likely to be sold this Christmas, expect to pay £2 to £2.50 a lh and possibly more in

Large family gatherings at Christmas also offer the opportunity to indulge in the large joints of beef, pork or

For beef lovers, oothing can match sirloin oo the bone but they must expect to pay about £2.90 a lb. Alternatively, a standing rib roast at about £1.75 a lb looks as splendid as

Another treat is a crown of pork which is two sections of loin joined together. It will cornally consist of 12 cutlets and cost between £1.40-\$1.70

Suffolk hams are alas less reactily available, but bargain hunters need look no further than Harrods, which has whole gammons at £1.40 a lb, cheaper than many high street butchers.

For a special pre-Christmas party, farmed salmon is ideal: a 3lh to 4lb fish costs around £2.80 a lb and a larger 9lb one about £3.80 a lb.

There are good supplies of Geese, io contrast, are part of our tradition, but have not adapted to modern mass production methods.

About half a million are 55p to £1.10 a lb.

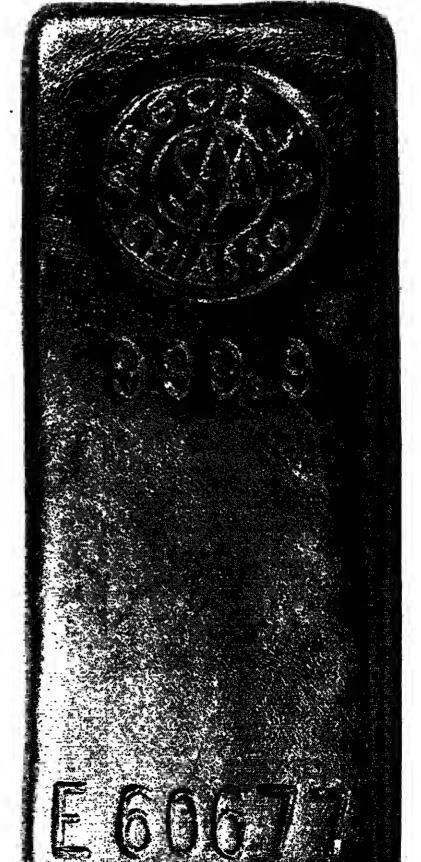
Home-grown cabbages at 20p a lb. Brussels sprouts at 20p, carrots at 10p-30p, cauliflowers at 60p-85p, parsnips at 20p-40p are all good quality. Best salad ingredients are

Chinese leaves 35p-65p a head, Iceberg lettuce at 65p-£1 head, round lettuce at 24p-30p, and red varieties at 65p-95p each. English watercress is 30p-40p a bunch.

Baby clementines at 25pih are excellent. Spanish Napoleon and Almeria grapes are 40p-70p. excellent, particularly red de-licious and Mcintosh reds. Kiwi fruit at 14p-24p each and

pineapples at 50p to £3 each

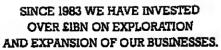
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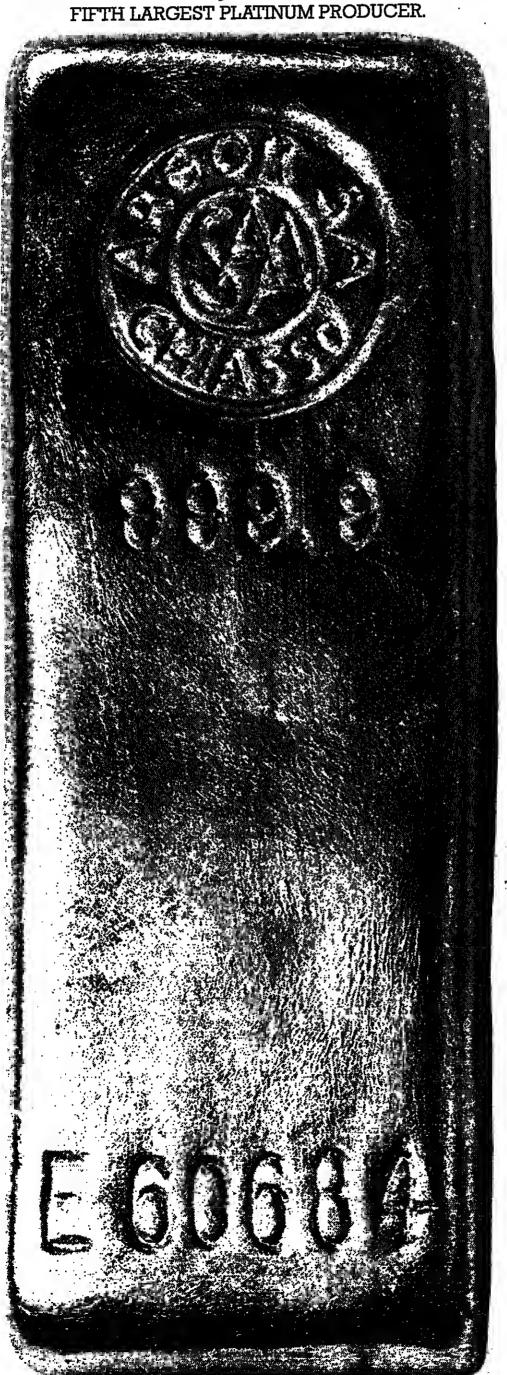


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Two plainclothes policemen in Stockholm yesterday escorting to a further session of questioning the man facing charges today over the Palme murder.

Charge in Palme murder and alcoholic Swede, aged 41, will be charged in Stockholm roday with the manufacture on the minute of the minute

today with the murder nearly death, and that the accused's three years ago of former Prime Minister Olof Palme (Christopher Mosey writes).

The man, who was arrested in a dawn swoop on his flat in the Stockholm suburb of Sollentuna on Wednesday, has not been named, in accordance with Swedish law.

His lawyer, Mr Arne Liljeros, said he would plead not guilty. The Chief Public Prosecutor, Mr Anders Helin, said the hearing in Stockholm district court would be closed to press and public.

Swedish Radio said last night that a witness had The passport photograph of positively identified the ac- the suspect held yesterday.



interrogated by police at an earlier stage in the investigation but was ruled out then as a

likely suspect. Conspiracy theories: The arrest was the first movement reported in the case since the former chief detective. Hans Holmer, rounded up Kurdish

exiles two years ago Another conspiracy theory focused on the Tehran regime, ant the futile police hant indirectly led to a political scandal this year when Mrs Anna-Greta Leijon, the Justice Minister. was forced to quit for overstepping her authority and abusing her office.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Court overturns anti-English law

Ottawa — The Canadian Supreme Court yesterday overruled a Quebec provincial statute which had made it unlawful to display English-language commercial signs in the province, which is predominantly French-speaking (John Best writes).

In a long-awaited decision with important political implications, the court invalidated a section of Quebec's highly-controversial Bill 101, which banned the use of any language but French on public signs. It ruled that the section violated the province's own Charter of Rights.

The ruling places the provincial government in a dilemma. It can either rewrite the law in a way to make it judicially acceptable - perhaps by allowing English to be used on signs so long as French is given precedence — or it can adopt a laissez-faire attitude and allow signs to be posted in whatever language the sponsor wishes.

Nuclear waste inquiry Seoul (AFP) - Prosecutors have launched an investigation

into the alleged secret burial of nuclear waste after villagers and anti-pollution activists dug up 54 drums of the material, which they claimed was four times more radioactive than

Local newspapers said prosecutors would summon officials of the state-run Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO) to inquire how the drums were buried near the Kori nuclear power plant.

Action against paper

Harare - The Chronicle, the Bulawayo newspaper crusading against a vehicle distribution racket said to involve senior ministers, heard yesterday that the Government is to take legal action against it (Jan Raath writes).

In a report apparently withdrawn from later bulletins on the instructions of President Mugabe, the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation quoted Mr Enos Nkala, the Minister of Defence, who was earlier questioned by the paper, as saying that it had "defamed the integrity and esteem of ministers" with reports on the car racket.

Helicopter shot down

Islamabad (AFP) - Mujahidin guerrillas have shot down an Afghan Army helicopter near the eastern garrison city of Jalaiabad, killing at least 16 soldiers, resistance sources said here yesterday. The guerrillas fired rockets at the military helicopter soon after it took off from Jalalabad airport on

The wreckage fell nine miles south-east of the airport in the rebel-held Kaan area. The guerrillas also destroyed a Soviet jet in a rocket attack on Kandahar airport on Sunday.

'Miracle' pair fined

Pescara (Reuter) - A Roman Catholic priest and a woman who convinced thousands of Italians that she had seen the Virgin Mary have been fined 500,000 lire (£220) for

exploiting people's traditional beliefs.

More than 20,000 Italians flocked to a hill near this Adriatic city on February 28 after Maria Fioritti said that the Madonna had told her she would perform a miracle. Fioritti was supported by Father Vincenzo Diodati, a former professional footballer, who said Christ told him in a separate vision that the miracle would take place.

West Bank leaders promise to support US talks by restraining unrest

Israel stunned by 'betrayal'

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

attacks would undoubtedly

spectrum there is a certainty that violence will continue at

Across the Israeli political

end the dialogue.

Israel was stunned yesterday to learn that the United States, its trusted and often only ally, was prepared to talk to the Palestine Liheration Organization.

Mr Shimon Peres, the For-eign Minister, said he was saddened, and predicted the initiative would end as soon as the next petrol bomb was thrown. A spokesman for Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, expressed regret and warned that it would not advance the cause of peace in the Middle East.

But the most telling comments came from ordinary people. "Arafat lies again and the Americans believe him. It's unbelievable," said Mr Moshe Avram in a greengrocer's shop. "My son is in the Army, now be is in real said Mrs Miriam Ben-David in a bank. "Now

fight," said a young soldier at a tories now. While stone- tiations and peace," the Prime bus stop in Jaffa Road. Every- throwing hy children is Minister's spokesman said. where people were shocked, angry and feeling betrayed. Settlers started to dem-

onstrate ontside the Prime Minister's office. Some had been at the funeral on Wednesday of a settler killed in a fight with an Arab. "We are on our own now and must prepare for the worst," said Mr David Ahurnia from Immanuel in the West Bank.

There was a different kind of stunned disbelief among Palestinians in the occupied territories, which were un-usually calm and quiet. Palestinian leaders were at

first incredulous that the United States had at last an unacceptably high level agreed to talk to the PLO. and so rapidly persuade the and come voting. Give up They promised to do all they Americans to change their your bullets and pick up your could to limit disturbances while talks got underway.

In Syria, Washington's de-cision was passed over in silence. Syrian media made no mention of Mr Arafat's presence in Geneva, his statements or the US decision (Nicholas Beeston writes). Moderate

Arab states, which support Mr

Arafat, are trying to convince

Damascus to reach an Arab

position. "We believe that the United States will discover

throwing hy children is Minister's spokesman said, impossible to stop, serious Giving probably his less Giving probably his last

news conference as Foreign Minister, Mr Peres could not hide his disappointment, and his cynicism about Mr Arafat's ability to persuade the PLO to renounce terror. "It is a bit like the lawyer in the court saying: 'The following are the conclusions on which I

base the facts'." He repeated a pledge he gave on behalf of his Labour party before last month's general election to hold a free vote throughout the occupied territories provided there were some months of calm. "My message to the Palestinians is: "Gentlemen. Stop shooting your bullets and pick up your

Mr Peres claimed that in

ment and the incoming one, in which he wants to be Finance, not Foreign, Finance, not

Mr Peres's likeliest succes-sor is Mr Moshe Arens, a former Likud Defence Minister and Ambassador to Washington, the choice of Mr Shamir. He will face tough opposition from Mr David Levy, Likud's deputy leader.

The new Foreign Minister is unlikely to be more scathing of the PLO than Mr Peres was yesterday. "We will judge the PLO on its record and not on its declarations," he said. While other countries could look at the words, Israel had to base its views on bitter experience of terrorism.

"Peace is not just a prayer. It must be a reality. It is not rhetoric but a matter of creating an entirely different reality Ben-David in a bank. "Now The real test of Mr Arafat's very soon the true face of the offering elections he was ... the PLO in our judgement we can only trust ourselves statement will be the level of PLO and will realize that it speaking on behalf of both the remains what it always used to

Swedish envoy in key role

By Andrew McEwen Diplomatic Correspondent

Two of the key figures in bridging the 13-year divide between Washington and the Palestine Liberation Organization were Sweden's Foreign Minister, Mr Sten Andersson and President Mubarak of

Egypt. Mr Andersson appears to have been the most effective intermediary with Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, while Mr Mubarak is thought to have influenced Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of

Mr Andersson held a meeting with Mr Arafat in Geneva on Wednesday, before the press conference at which the PLO chairman "clarified" his position after being dismayed by the State Department's unenthusiastic reaction to his speech at the UN General Assembly the day before.

It was Mr Andersson, who had spent six months of what he calls "silent diplomacy" trying to bring the two sides together, who sensed that only nuances divided them.

• GENEVA: Mr Andersson gave details here of bow he was instrumental in events leading to Washington's change of heart (Alan Mo-Gregor writes). The process started in March, he said, when he visited Israel and the West Bank, Jordan and Syria.

After talking to political leaders, including PLO execntive members in Amman and also to about a hundred boys, some paralysed for life, soldiers, he formed a clear impression that the Palestinians were aware, and seeking to come to terms with the fact, that neither Arabs nor Israelis could have all the land they had been fighting over. "It was being realized there must be a dialogue and an agreement saying the two bad to live

and we trust ourselves to violence in the occupied terri- cannot be a partner for nego- outgoing coalition. Govern- be, a terrorist organization. American Jews outraged at turnabout

From Christopher Thomas Washington

American Jewish leaders privately expressed shock and outrage yes-terday as they scrambled to assess the full implications of Washington's decision to open talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Jewish groups were stunned by the sudden US shift. Unusually, there was no prior consultation with them by Reagan Administration policymakers. Even the Israeli Embassy was informed only minutes before Mr made his announcement.

Publicly, there was little indication yesterday of the deep anger sweeping through the American Jewish community. Pro-Israeli politicians and organizations muted their reactions out of an obvious fear of creating an impression that the US and Israel were on a collision course.

Mr Shultz was closeted with his advisers in the hectic hours before his

hastily summoned press conference, beginning exactly three minutes after the television networks began their nightly news broadcasts. Much of the country, therefore, watched the announcement live.

Middle East experts at the State Department studied every word and mance of the remarks by Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, and unani-monsly concluded that it met US preconditions for opening a dialogue. Earlier, President Mubarak of Egypt telephoned Mr Sholtz to tell him that Mr Arafat was preparing a critically

Mr Mabarak's role was vital. He telephoned his Foreign Minister, Dr Ahmed Esmat Abdel-Meguid, in Geneva on Tuesday night and asked him to press Mr Arafat explicitly to renounce terrorism and unequivocally accept Israel's right to exist.

The US told the Egyptians that it would respond immediately to such a statement. State Department officials waited tensely for Mr Arafat's press

conference, and received a taperecorded account of his key remarks by telephone from a US official.

ballots'."

Earlier in the day Mr Shultz told President Reagan what was about to happen. He also kept in touch with President-elect George Bush, who later issued a brief statement agreeing with the decision to talk to the PLO.

The announcement was the climax of two hectic days of lobbying by key Arab allies of America, notably Saudi Arabia and Egypt. King Fahd of Sandi Arabia sent two personal messages to Mr Reagan on Wednesday saying that and the US should not miss this "historic opportunity".

Mr Shultz had also been under pressure from European allies in recent days to encourage Mr Arafat's efforts to begin a dialogue with

Just over a week ago, Sweden told the US privately that Mr Arafat

ment. American officials gave Sweden a text of the sort of language that would be acceptable. Word came back that Mr Arafat would meet US conditions in his December 7 press conference in Stockholm. But his remarks fell short of American expectations.

colminating in yesterday's announce-

Sweden persisted, sending a draft of what Mr Arafat would say to the United Nations General Assembly in

Word was sent back to the PLO leader that Washington would respond immediately if he stack to the draft. Again, American officials concladed that his remarks fell short of the mark.

"Our position has not changed," Mr Sholtz said in making his aunosucement. "We see a change in the position of the PLO."

Mr Arafat had met the American criteria and "as a result the US is prepared for a substantive dialogue with PLO representatives".

planned to meet American conditions publicly, triggering a chain of events beside each other." he said. Arafat faces his toughest challenge

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posed the stiffest challenge of his 19-year leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization: making his pledges of moderation stick within a group which is notorious for its internal feuds.

In Tunis yesterday Western diplomats, who have been able to keep a closer watch on changes in the Palestinian movement than the Americans, were surprisingly optimistic. "By agreeing to this change of fundamental approach, the Americans have provided the PLO moderates with their greatest boost to date," said one diplomat.

"This is a great step forward that cannot be over-emphasized, but it still leaves us with a very long way to go. The whole purpose of a dialogue with Americans is to even-tually get the Israelis around the table as well. Without that, there can be no solution."

Although the contacts began sharply yesterday morning between the respected US envoy, Mr Robert Pelletreau (a fluent main legislative arm still har-Arabic speaker), and a senior PLO official based here, the Abul Abbas, the mastermind switch in the PLO stand of the 1985 hijacking of the towards Israel was being seen Achille Lauro and a member

From Christopher Walker, Tunis The success of Mr Yassir Ara-fat in persuading the United who have been staging the Klinghoffer, the elderly Amer-States to re-open contacts has intifada (uprising) for 12 ican Jew whom he suggested the loudest ovation of the months.

> The decision to abandon the dream of returning to all the land lost in 1948, and to grasp the nettle of living cheek by jowl with Israel, has its bitter Palestinian opponents, but a combination of events — most notably the change in Moscow's attitude to regional conflicts - has weakened those who are calling Mr Arafat a "capitulationist" and demanding his assassination.

> The clear demands of the intifada leaders for concrete results after the loss of more than 300 lives has combined with the recent isolation of those Arab states, especially Syria which has given most support to the Palestinian radicals, to reduce the chances that the PLO's new-found moderation can be sabotaged from within. But even the most starry-eyed observers admit this remains possible.

> As the Algiers meeting of the Palestine National Council made clear, the PLO and its bour some ruthless men. Mr

might have been "trying to swim for it" when he was shot in his wheelchair and dumped overboard. Mr Arafat has countered in public that men such as Mr Abbas were elected to their places in the PNC, and that he has no power over that

Both the Marxist Popular in Algiers, for the first time, they did it in the context of a majority decision of the delegates with which they have pledged to abide.

Mr Habash, who commands the second largest of the factions inside the PLO after the Fatah group led by Mr Arafat, did nothing in Algiers to disguise his grave reservations about accepting the key United Nations Resolution 242, which the PLO claims will form the basis of any international peace conference.

as a bowing to the demands of of the PLO executive com-the Palestinians living in the mittee, showed callous indif-imity, the veteran architect of Arafat.

the loudest ovation of the conference when he announced that he was replacing his former revolutionary slogans with a new call for "unity until victory".

Much more dangerous for Mr Arafat's efforts to maintain the PLO's moderate image sufficiently to keep the Front for the Liberation of Palestine, led by Mr Georges Habash, and the smaller Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, led by Mr Nayef Hawatmeh, have declared their opposition to the policy of moderation. But in Alziers, for the first time, new US-Palestinian dialogue seek a new leadership of the PLO that would pursue the armed fight against Israel.

Describing acceptance of 242 as tantamount to treason, be called for the setting up of new alliances, including one with Muslim fundamentalist groups in the occupied territories.

But observers in Tunis believe that perhaps the greatest threat to the fledgling dialogue which began yesterday may come from the followers of Mr Abu Nidal, the most fanatical Palestinian ter-But by agreeing to scrap the rorist, who is outside the PLO previous insistence on unan- and a dedicated enemy of Mr

Tunis envoy tipped for regional role

By Nicholas Beeston The US Ambassador to Tunis,

Mr Robert Pelletreau, the diplomat chosen by the US Secretary of State, Mr George
Shultz, to meet the PLO
leader, Mr Yassir Arafat, is
being tipped for the post of
Washington's top envoy in the

The current Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, Mr Richard Murphy, is due to retire next mouth.

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has worked on drafting the formula for a Middle Eastern peace conference, played a key role assessing information during the hijacking in 1985 of a TWA jet by Arab guerrillas, and was seconded for two

periods to the Pentagon. Though his official meeting was protected by PLO guerrilles until their departure in being bailed as a break-Mr Pelletreau, aged 53, is a through in American foreign

career diplomat who has policy, US diplomats and served in several Arabic com-tries and was previously maintained regular but un-Ambassador to Bahrain. He bers for many years. Under the Ford Administra-

tion, US nationals were evac-nated from Beirst under the protection of the PLO's military wing Fatah. Subsequently the US Embassy in Lebanon, based in Muslim west Beirut,



Mr Robert Pelletreau: US

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The Government and the industry are tackling the problem and, among other things, have issued codes of practice for poultry breeders and egg producers.

In the meantime people will want to know the facts about a basic part of their daily diet.

The Government has therefore asked its Chief Medical Officer, Sir Donald Acheson, to advise the public about the use of eggs. Sir Donald's present advice is:

"for healthy people there is very little risk from eating eggs which are cooked, however you prefer them - boiled, fried, scrambled or poached;

for vulnerable people – that is, the elderly, the sick, babies, toddlers and pregnant women – eggs should be thoroughly cooked until the white and yolk are solid;

but everyone should avoid eating raw eggs or uncooked foods made from them – for example, home-made mayonnaise, home-made mousses, home-made ice-cream or raw eggs mixed with drinks."

The Chief Medical Officer adds:

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"As with all cooked foods, egg dishes should be eaten as soon as possible after cooking. And if the dishes are not for immediate use they should be kept in the fridge."

Please follow this advice.

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Search for quake survivors scaled down

yesterday as the search for survivors was scaled down.

Unconfirmed reports from the area said the search in Spitak, which was completely destroyed in last Wednesday's earthquake, would end today starting to come, to light, when the rubble would be dynamited, and the ground cleared and disinfected.

Tomorrow marks the tenth day after the earthquake. Soviet medical officials have said that this is when the Armenian relief funds in Brit-danger of epidemics — typhus ain stood at more than 26 mildanger of epidemics - typhus and dysentery - increases. As of yesterday there were no reports of illness, although journalists arriving in Yere-van were said to have been told that the disaster area had heen closed off to prevent epidemics. Some foreign aid workers have criticized the proximity of open coffins to emergency tents, saying that it is a prescription for disease to

While the authorities in Moscow are still justisting that the search will go on until there is no possibility of finding anyone alive, additional relief workers are being discouraged from going to the area. The Foreign Ministry confirmed yesterday that a number of teams, including one of Kent firemen, had been refused permission to go to the area. Betraying some confu-sion about their function, the spokesman said: "There is no need for firemen now, all the fires have been put out."

The number of people rescued dwindles from day to day. Two days ago it was 60, yesterday. 20. One American the number of guards at places

Moscow's advance of the number of guards at places

Letter

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow Disaster relief teams were aid worker was quoted as starting to pull out of Armenia saying that their team was leaving voluntarily as there

was nothing more it could do.

As heroic tales of the initial rescue work continue to reach Moscow, less pleasant aspects of the relief operation are also General V. Dubinyak, Chief of Staff of the Interior Ministry troops, told the Communist Party newspaper Pravda yes-terday that 150 looters had

tion last night (David Rowan writes). The Moscow Narodny Bank had collected nearly £1.5 million, the Y-Care Inter-national appeal more than £375,000, and the British Commonwealth Union £2.5 million. The British Red Cross estimated that it had raised £1.3 million.

Efforts are being made to organize an Aid Armenia concert early next year, and details of a benefit single, to be recorded by well-known mu-sicians, will be released soon.

been arrested and goods worth more than 250,000 roubles (£250,000) confiscated.

A Tass report said that one man had been arrested in the town of Kirovakan for taking watches and jewellery from dead bodies. In Leninakan, more than 50,000 rouhles worth of jewellery had been taken from one shop.

The Prime Minister, Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, who is 20,000 Soviet troops in the heading the Politburo com- republic, believing they were

where relief supplies were being stored was being increased and stocktaking procedures tightened.

Inadequacies are still being reported in the relief effort. After the disclosure on Wednesday that 48 and not 28 villages had been badly damaged, the Politburo commission criticized the Armenian authorities for tardiness in restoring communications and ordered supplies of food, tents and clothing to be rushed to the rural areas.

Tass reported that a limited power supply had been restored to Leninakan and that three mobile post offices and some telephone lines had been set up, but many more were

While praising the dedication of Soviet relief workers and the fortitude of Armenian survivors, some foreign relief workers have been quoted as saying that the initial work done by Soviet teams may have resulted in more loss of life as heavy blocks were first lifted then dropped in-discriminately on to the ruhhie.

In his *Pravda* interview General Dubinyak claimed that rescue work was being hampered by Armenian hostility towards Moscow over the Kremlin's refusal to transfer the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh from Azerbaijan. He said some Armenians

resented the presence of republic, believing they were Moscow's advance guard sent



Letters, page 15 One of the few survivors in Spitak boiling water yesterday beside the rubble of her home.

Kremlin skips generation on top forces post

Forces. He replaces Marshal Deputy Defence Minister. Sereci Akhromeyev, who has been transferred.

The announcement, pubern journalists that General Akhromeyev had been re-placed. He will become a special adviser to President initiation rights. Gorbachov. The timing of the disclo-

sure, on the eve of Mr United Nations General Ashe had disagreed with the unilateral reductions in troops and conventional weapons

Yesterday, Mr Viktor Kar-pov, a first Deputy Foreign Minister, denied that there had been any political reason for Marshal Akhromeyev to leave his post. He insisted that he had requested retirement nn health grounds.

General Moiseyev is young for a Soviet chief of staff and continues the recent trend of senior military appointments. Since January, 1987, he has been commander of the Far had been particle. East military region, a post to perestroika.

The Soviet Union yesterday once held by the present announced the appointment Defence Minister, General of Colonel-General Mikhail Dmitri Yazov, Like Marshal Moiseyev, aged 49, as the new Chief of Staff of the Armed seyev also becomes a first

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The new Chief of Staff is likely to be kept busy, not only implementing official policy lisbed on the front page of the to cut the number of Soviet army newspaper, Krasnaya troops but trying to stem the Zvezda, came more than a deep dissatisfaction with miliweek after Soviet officials in tary training and conscription Washington revealed to West- among the young. A series of newspaper articles has highlighted the ruthless hullying of young conscripts and sadistic

Yesterday, it was also revealed by Krasnaya Zvezda, that students at many in-Gorbachov's speech to the stitutes of higher education across the country from Irsembly, led to speculation that kutsk in Siberia to Riga in Latvia and Tashkent in Soviet Central Asia, are boycotting their compulsory classes in proposed by the Soviet leader. military training. Their demands range from calls for changes in the training of reserve officers to the complete abolition of the reserve officer corps.

Commenting on the boy-cott, Colonel General Demidov - head of the training directorate of the Soviet land forces - said that it was evidence of defects in the 'skipping a generation" in system of higher education and the fact that military departments of universities had been particularly resistant

Reforms fuel Czech buying spree | Detectives on trail of Prado vandal

From Richard Bassett Prague

It is not only the conventional shops which are fast running out of stock on Wenceslas Square bere. As darkness falls each evening, a small stall appears selling inch-high black pyramids of Christmas incense for 10 crowns (50p) an onnce. Within seconds a crowd forms; within five minutes more than 300 lb has been sold - an indication of the frenetic pace of buying in Prague at the moment.

In sweet shops, liquorice - the most sought-after delicacy for children — disappears within hours of going on sale. A queneing woman said: "If you are not third in line when it arrives, the chances are that all 800 sticks will be gone by the time you are served."

Behind this frantic buying is more than

no doubt that the new economic reforms coming into force on January 1 have created near-panic buying as fears of inflation empty savings account

The boom has caused unprecedented shortages, which have angered the usually phlegmatic Czechs. A few weeks ago the disappearance from Prague shops of sanitary towels provoked a demonstration by Czech women. The protest was a warning to the authorities of increasing impatience among a people for whom long queues have for the past 10 years been the exception, not the rule.

Last month toothpaste became so rare that no customer was allowed to buy more than one tube. Toilet paper disappeared entirely for a month.

Although the Government has done its best to reassure the public that the new

rises", rumours say otherwise.

The theoretical aim of the new economic measures is to remove the difference between the Czech crown and the so-called Tuzex crown, which can be used for buying imported Western goods in foreign currency shops and now has a higher value than the normal crown.

But ominously, there is much talk in the new laws of removing "artificial subsidies". The inevitable references here among officials to "market forces", however coyly phrased, are inevitably

interpreted as meaning big price rises.

With few Czech housewives prepared to give the Government the benefit of the doubt, the largest number of savings accounts anywhere in Eastern Europe are being translated into a shopping spree unprecedented in the Soviet bloc.

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

the culprit before another attack, it was learnt bere vesterday.

The Interior Ministry investigators suspect that the person who punched a tiny hole in the lower right hand corner of Goya's "Execution of May 3" works at the Prado on the night shift and is thoroughly familiar with the museum's layont and the security guards' routine.

person has either a grudge sure it was detected immed- through these old paintings,"

over a year that malicious damage to great art treasures at the Prado has been carried out. On the previous occasion. a museum spokesman disclosed, tiny pin prieks were found in about half a dozen paintings with religious themes. The pinholes marred the forebead of a painted cardinal, and the breasts of the Virgin Mary and of female saints in several other canvases. The damage was so minimal that They also believe that the the authorities are not even

the museum every day.

This time they know when the damage occurred - between 9pm on Monday night and 8 am the next morning - a time when there was no one in the building other than a detachment of security guards, the cleaning women and a few department. The puncture, never been put up for sale. made with a ballpoint pen, appears to be deliberate.

"It's not easy to punch

Detectives on the trail of the person who tore a priceless Goya painting at the Prado Museum are anxious to trap

1 tis the second time in little over a year that malicious in little over a year that year that malicious in little over a year that year th damage as "minimal," consisting of a small bole made with some kind of instrument without a very sharp point.

The painting was quickly restored and was back on the wall yesterday. No cost was placed on the damage since the picture, one of Goya's members of the maintenance most celebrated works, has

All the night staff except the cleaners are employees of the Prado, and even they are vetted by investigators.

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Koreas to open frontier

businessmen are to be allowed to visit the North, and traders from North Korea to visit the South, the Trade and Industry Ministry here announced.

The new regulations come into effect next month, and are in line with proposals made in July by President Roh Tae Woo of South Korea.

Previously, South Koreans had faced imprisonment if it was discovered that they had visited the North.

Voter boom

Delhi (AP) - The lower house of the Indian Parliament has unanimnusly approved a constitutional amendment to reduce the voting age from 21 to 18. If approved by the upper house, the measure would add up to 50 million to the next electoral roll.

Chad project

Ndjamena (AFP) - The Chad Government unveiled proposals to spend an estimated £26 million to rebuild the wartorn north of the country.

Author's prize Paris (AP) — The Mexican author, Señor Octavio Paz, aged 74, was awarded the 100,000-franc (£9,000) De Tocqueville Prize by the Institute of France.

Fans charged Athens (AP) - Eight soccer booligans have been charged with causing damage totalling £200,000 in clashes with

police during a Greek Cup game at the Olympic stadium. Death at 109

Lupazzano (AP) — Signor Giovanni Ferzini, reportedly the oldest man in Italy, died in his village on the hills south of Parma where be spent nearly

all of his 109 years. Angola toll

early in 1989.

Lisbon (Renter) - Angolan troops killed 62 Unita rebels for the loss of 12 men in the week leading up to Tuesday's peace settlement for southern Africa, Angola has claimed.

Hotel closure Singapore (Reuter) - The celebrated Raffles Hotel is to

Bandit swoop Nairebi (AFP) - More than 600 people have been arrested in east Kenya in a security

force crackdown on banditry.

close partially for renovation for almost two years from

French strikes persist

Rocard's time running out

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

speaker and credulous is how Socialist deputies in the National Assembly describe their Prime Minister, M Michel Rocard, according to a poll in the daily newspaper, Le Quotidien.

It is a sign of the confusion in France today that the opposition MPs are perhaps a fraction kinder, calling the Socialist Prime Minister simply a man alone, lightweight and weak-willed.

The fact that deputies from all parties consider him intellectually honest and kindly only reinforces the image of a man unable to get to grips with governing the country, who is better liked on the right than within his own ranks.

As this feeling deepens under the weight of the strikes, bets are being taken in the National Assembly on bow long he will last and, more difficult, who could succeed him. People in Paris, Marseilles. Lyons and other key cities towns are suffering the effects of transport, airline, postal and electricity strikes which have dragged on since

mid-October. Two weeks ago, M Rocard annnunced that the Metro and bus strikes had been resolved. The Army, who had been ferrying Paris commuters into

Fragile, confused, a poor the Prime Minister, in trying to calm his own backbenchers. let slip the remark that he had perhaps underestimated the determination of the public sector strikers, whose salaries

> inflation for several years. Today the Paris Metro is in a worse state than ever. Four lines have shut down and the

> have failed to keep pace with



M Rocard: Admitted he had underestimated the strikers. others are on half-strength, thanks to a highly effective strike by 169 maintenance workers which is taking more trains off the tracks.

Above ground, Paris is is no alternative but to walk.

True, the buses are back on the roads, but bursting at the France's operations have also been crippled by strikes of maintenance staff.

Flights are being cancelled daily as the Christmas and New Year bolidays approach. Small businesses all over France are in danger of going under as a combination of postal and transport stoppages. have ruined their Christmas

Strikes in the nuclear power stations have reduced electricity supply levels to a dangerous point. Power cuts appear unavoidable if present salary negotiations fail.

Traditionally, France's public sector workers have accepted lower salaries in return for the security of a job for life, But as the wage gap between the private and public sectors has widened, it has become obvious that restructuring is necessary.

"Not just yet," was M Rocard's reaction when faced with the task, but his determination to refuse an overall strategy in favour of a case-bycase approach within the annual 2.8 per cent inflation level has already weakened.

locked in a giant traffic jam and exhaust fumes fill the lungs of those who know there

In every affected area, the CGT, the Communist-backed union, is causing the bother. union, is causing the bother. The Government has praised other unions for being reasonable, while the CGT is deterwork in lorries, was ordered seams with passengers as they mined to build its can back to barracks. A week ago, crawl through town. Air and continue the fight. mined to build its campaign

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Delors is poised to distribute spoils of battle for EEC jobs

of the European Commission, nals will be given." will today preside over a Although the Brussels rubizarre EEC ritual which has mour mill has been grinding become known as the "Night out predictions for weeks, team of commissinners at an inbs will actually do so. ancient fortified monastery, deep in the Belgian Ardennes, to decide who is to get what

Having been refused a say in the comination for the new Commission during the EEC summit meeting at Hanover in June, M Delors is determined that he will have the final word in allocating the Brussels portfolios.

All 16 appointees have been sharpening their knives for weeks for the final showdown. But all are trembling in the knowledge that this dapper Frenchman wields the higgest knife of all.

To maximize his leverage. M Delors has instructed his new colleagues to arrive promptly at the former headquarters of the Order of Knights Templars of St John of Jerusalem, huilt hy their founder, Gerard de Villers, in 1257 and oow converted into a handsome hotel-restaurant in the country retreat of Villers-le-Temple.

The isolated ecclesiastical setting is appropriate for the messy business of deciding who gets what. "It is a bit like a papal conclave, when the cardinals gather to decide whn is going to be the next Pope,"

M Jacques Delors, President decide what diocese the cardi-dum, could be awarded the

of the Long Knives". He is to there is no guarantee that gather his newly appointed those tipped to get particular The nuly reliable rule of thumh is that Britain, West Germany, France, Spain and

ltaly, which each have two commissioners, will be given one of the senior posts while the smaller member states will have to be cootent with the humbler tasks. In this valse de portefeuilles, as M Delors calls it, Mr Leon Brittan, the UK's senior

commissioner, appears to be in line to inherit the important role of competition commissioner. The job could be a difficult one, as the Commissioo is seeking to increase its powers to vet cross-frontier mergers, to which the United Kingdom has consistently objected.

Mr Brittan had made it known that he wanted Lord Cockfield's job overseeing the internal market. But after Mrs Thatcher snubbed M Delors by refusing to re-appoint Lord Cockfield, the indignant Frenchman let it be known that the portfolios were not to Europe". be considered a "national

Mr Bruce Millan, Britain's junior commissioner, the former Labour Scottish Secretary, who, according to some Brussels bureaucrats, distin-

responsibility of overseeing the Community's regional development funds.

After the agreement reached at the February summit meeting in Brussels, these funds are set to increase to more than £9 billion by 1992, much of which will be distributed to the poorer member states. Mr Millan's accounting back-ground will be a distinct advantage here, especially in view of the growing concern over corruption and misent in EEC finances.

Herr Martin Bangemann, the former West German Economics Minister, is almost certain to inherit Lord Cockfield's mantle as Commissioner for the Internal Market - widely regarded as the most important of the Brussels

But the job is likely to be shorn of the controversial issue of fiscal approximation, as well as financial services.

Mr Frans Andriessen, the former Agriculture Commissioner, from the Netherlands, is likely to move over to external relations to handle the delicate issue of protectionism in what foreigners fear will become a "Fortress

Whatever the outcome, M Delors is in a strong position to get his own way. With his fellow commissioners isolated from their staff and supporters, they will have no option but to fight for their own guished himself in the eyes of corner. Although national and The only difference is that Mrs Thatcher by voting to personal egos are at stake, the Pope has already been stay out of the Common there is oo alternative but to appointed and he has to Market in the 1973 referen- accept what M Delors offers.

Pre-poll killings scar Sri Lanka paradise

From Edward Gorman Matara, Sri Lanka

In this close-knit, south Sri Lankan fishing community, set on some of the world's most beautiful constline — its de-serted golden beaches fringed by coconut palms — the ap-proach of presidential elec-tions is being watched with undisguised fear.

The community, a tra-ditional stronghold of the underground Janatha Vinnsk-thi Peranuma (People's Lib-eration Front), has suffered more than most and people have lost count of the numbers killed. At first, the murders were intermittent. The victims were mersity local government officials, policemen, army offi-cers and those who openly sided with the raling United National Party. The killers - and they ma

no secret of the fact in bloodred slogans daubed on road-side walls — were JVP activists committed to the overthrow of what they regard as the illegitimate, corrupt and autocratic Government of President Jayewardene. But recently the killings have taken on a new aspect as paramilitary groups, with what many here believe is the backing of the local police and Army, seek revenge for the

Matarans have grown used to the eight of corpses, dis-figured or burned, either dumped in the centre of the town or left hanging from lampposts. Everyone, it is clear, is to take note. These are deterrent murders carried out by shadowy death squads such as the Green Tigers or the newly-emergent People's Rev-olationary Red Army — names which send a chill to the bone

of local people. The brutality in the name of democracy is shocking. A bullet in the side of the head, it seems, is no longer good enough. New methods include burning alive with car tyres,



Villagers in Hambantota, Sri Lanka, looking at a supporter of the ruling United National Party killed by political rivals.

hanging and even hammering to death. There have also been cases where victims have had finger and toenails ripped out.

The town, meanwhile, has been paralysed for months by JVP strikes (hartals) which have shut schools and the university and regularly closed banks and shops.

Hospitals have had to close because of a shortage of fuel to run generating equipment, and many government depart-ments have been inoperable for weeks with the staff in hiding. Shopkeepers face a terrible dilemma every day.

threaten them with disfigure-ment or death for disobeying orders to close; the troops threaten them with arrest unless they open.

The attentions of a visiting journalist here are particularly unwelcome. "If my name ap-pears in any one of the newspapers I will be shot," was the blunt explanation of an educated local official.

Even the local commander of the security forces no longer displays the confidence he had nth ago. Then Colonel P.V. Pathirana had talked of a

Leaflets from the JVP return to normal. The buses "They will never come to open warfare," he continued "bewere running again and the banks were open. He was sure cause they know we would than an election could be held. finish them off."

 COLOMBO: A Sri Lankan But now the colonel is on the hnman rights group, the United Organizations for defensive. "A normal electioo is a bit difficult," he admitted, Peace and Democracy, said "in the sense that most of the yesterday that security forces had killed 786 people last staff required to run the polling stations are still in month in "state terrorism"

(Renter reports). He claimed that less than 1 per cent of the people of Matara supports the JVP. "I "We believe that most of the people killed had no connecknow that they are backtion with Sinhalese militant handers and scoundrels, who groups," said a spokesman for the group, which includes clergymen and lawyers. will creep up in the night and kill yoo in your sleep," he said.

Bhutto stays out of province crisis

province of Baluchistan, General Musa Khan, a retired officer, dissolved its oewly elected Assembly yesterday.

According to reports, the Governor acted oo the advice of the Chief Minister, Mr Zafarullah Khan Jamali, who is heading a coalitioo administratioo between the Pakistan People's Party and the Islamic Democratic Alliance. The move came after a minister defected to the opposition, ending Mr Jamali's majority the National Assembly in intervene in provincial mat-

Miss Benazir Bhutto's Gov- Islamabad yesterday that she ters. But Mr Akbar Bugti, the unique situation where Miss ernment was facing a serious was oot consulted by the leader of the opposition Balupolitical crisis after the Gov- Governor oo his decision to chistan National Alliance in ernor of Pakistan's western dissolve the Baluchistan Assembly. But the Prime Min-scribed the action as illegal ister defended the action, insisting that it was in

> Karachi (AFP) - Mr Zain Noorani, Pakistan's former Foreign Minister, said peace in Afghanistau would come only when a representative government was installed in

accordance with the Constitution. She said the federal of one seat. Miss Bhutto told Government was not going to

the provincial Assembly, deand unconstitutional. Mr Bugti, a former Governor of Baluchistan, claimed that the decision to dissolve the Assembly was taken only two hours after he had managed to

get a majority in the House. He said that the Chief Minister had resorted to this action in order to safeguard his position. The opposition has called a strike in Quetta, the provincial capital, and a protest rally would be addressed by the oppositioo

Bhotto's People's Party had its main political rival, the Alliance. The Chief Minister, who heads the provincial Muslim League, had been a close associate of the late President Zia. He was also the Chief Minister of the caretaker provincial government ap-pointed by Zia.

Mr Jamali was re-elected Chief Minister two weeks ago thanks to the casting vote of the Speaker of the Assembly, after both political groups got 22 votes. Then came the defection of the minister, which changed the situation leader. Baluchistan presents a dramatically.

Murder of Los Angeles family

Police ask Briton to testify in US

From Ivor Davis Los Angeles

Scotland Yard, acting oo behalf of American police, has asked a London taxi driver, Mr Ashley Paulle, to go to Los Angeles to testify in proceedings against a man accused of murdering a family of four. Mr Paulle, a cousin of the defendant, lives in Crowthorne, Berk-

Mr Harvey Rader, aged 46, who is accused of the murders committed in October 1982, is due to appear in court on January 10. Mr Paulle has so far refused to return to California.

Mr Rader denies involvement in the disappearance of Mr Sol Salomon, his wife Elaine and their children, Michalle, aged 15, and Mitchell, aged nine, whose

bodies were never found. The case has been on the Los Angeles police department books for more than six years. Based oo interviews in Britain and Los Angeles, police filed murder charges against Mr Rader in September. Mr Rader, a car mechanic from London, is being held in the Los Angeles county jail

Last October Mr Larry Bird, a Los Angeles detective, flew to Loodoo to meet Chief Superintendent Graham Melvin of Scotland Yard, Inspector Dennis Sharpe and Mr Paulle, Mr Bird said: "Mr Paulle said that oo the basis of legal advice he did oot want to return to Los Angeles to testify. We have asked Scotland Yard to ask him to change his mind." In 1983, Mr Rader was arrested.

In return for Mr Paulle's statement the District Attorney gave Mr Paulle immunity from prosecution but later tried to prosecute him for the murders.

A judge in Los Angeles dismissed the case, ruling that the District Attorney had improperly revoked his immunity, Mr Paulle returned to England and charges were also dropped against Mr Rader. A year later, Mr Rader was arrested in Los Angeles for allegedly making a false declaration on his immigratioo application. He was deported to Britain, but a year later he was charged in Los Angeles with entering the United States with a forged passport, and imprisooed. After his release he was rearrested again and formally charged with the Salomoo killings.



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PARLIAMENT

Security Service 'not interested in unions'

The Security Service was nothing against thrillers as an not interested in the normal and proper doings of the rade unions or other and Deighton, would not bring groups which might cam- much understanding to the Bill. paign against government policy, Mr Douglas Hard, the Home Secretary, assured MPs when he moved the second reading of the Security Service

The task of the service, he told the Commons, was to protect the security of the state. It could not get involved in lesser objectives. Nor could it take action intended to further the interests of any political party, including the party of the government of the day.

Mr Roy Haftersley, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said that the Opposition would not support the Bill. It did not provide for public accountability and allowed the service to do things that should be prohibited in a free society.

Mr Hurd said that for the first time this century the Bill would provide the opportunity to establish a framework for the Security Service welded into legislation.

A month earlier there would have been doubts about launching such a big reform. Now the political kaleidoscope had shifted and the Government was amazed at the boldness of what was now proposed.

The Security Service was hampered by the fiction that enveloped it. While he had

The service had never been like some latter-day Bulldog Drummond, locked in some time warp of the 1950s and forever fighting shadows that had long since disappeared.

Still less equipped to make helpful comment were those who fed on the works of fiction and paraded them as if they were statements of fact.

The main responsibility of the Security Service was to protect national security and that was clearly set out in the Bill. But the service must, if necessary, be able to act against any specific threat to the nation as a whole.

It was not primarily concerned with matters relating to defence and foreign policy. But it could not, and would not, stand inert in the face of a threat to the nation's defence or hostile action by a foreign government. action by a foreign government.

However, it could not act in any of these areas unless the security of the nation was in question. That was what nat-ional security meant. The Bill also established that

the Security Service could not act against any person or organization just because they campaigned against the policies of the government of the day. "For the first time ever, this

Bill makes the political neutrality of the service a statutory The service had been in the forefront of the fight against

In regard to the threat of Irish terrorism, the Security Service had gained much information that had been used directly and immediately in preventing attacks, thus saving lives. Such information had helped the interception of shipments of arms and thus prevented the arms and thus prevented the havoc they were intended to

The definition of subversion given by Lord Harris of Green-wich, the former Labour Home Office minister, was the right

It was not enough that some-one's actions might have the unintended effect of weakening parliamentary democracy; it must be a deliberate intention. Nor was it enough to have an intention if it presented no threst. Such people must represent a real threat to the security of the nation and have the intention to do so. That was a narrow and precise definition.

The security service was not interested in the normal and proper doings of the trade

It was not interested thwarting those who sought to persuade others that Govern-ment policy — including this Government's policies — were wrong. It was not interested in those who joined together to make their views heard on, for defence policies.

It was interested in those who

terrorism and a shift of emphasis in its work towards counter-terrorism had been marked and successful. In regard to the threat of Irish terrorism, the Security Service safety of the country. Those who believed such people could not exist were ill informed. Those who thought the Security Ser-vice imagined that such people were everywhere were plain

The service could not get involved in lesser objectives. Nor could it take action intended to further the interests of any political party, including the party of the government of the day. These were strong safeguards set down for the first time by statute, strong safetime by statute, strong safe-guards against the Security Ser-vice's seeking to act outside its functions or against any govern-ment seeking to put improper pressure on the director general to do so.

The Government was proposing that the issue of warrants for entering property for obtaining information would be under the scrutiny of a judge. He asked MPs not to underestimate the effect of that. The Security Service and the Home Secretary would know that each and every would know that each and every warrant would be open to the commissioner's impartial in-dependent scrutiny.

There were two important changes: the actual decisions would go for the first time to the Home Secretary and he would have the judge looking over his shoulder. Anyone who supposed that was an easy, comfortable or platitudinous situation was

Salmonella and egg production

£½m 'too much to save Currie'

The sum of £500,000 being spent by the Government to restore public confidence in eggs was too little to repair the damage done to the egg industry and too much to spend to save the face of Mrs Edwina Currie, Under Secretary of State for Agriculture, Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, said during Prime Minister's

Mrs Thatcher said that Mr Kinnock knew from an answer that she gave to the House this week that there was a problem of salmonella. It was connected with and had been traced to eggs. There had been 49 cases, with well over 1,000 people.

"So it is our bounden duty to give the advice of the Chief Medical Officer to everyone in a way in which it can clearly be

Mr Kisnock had quoted Mrs Currie as saying that most of the country's egg production was affected by salmonella while the Minister of Agriculture, Mr John MacGregor, said that that was not so. Would Mrs Thatcher clear up the confusion and say which of them was

Mrs Thatcher: We are aware of the deep problems facing the egg industry (Labour laughter). We think we have a duty to give greater publicity to the advice which the Chief Medical Officer

taken, under the new code of practice by the Ministry of Agriculture, to tackle the new strain of salmonella. "We are also considering ungently the representations made to us."

had already accepted the three

points now accepted by Mr

Earlier, Dame Jill Knight (Birmingharn, Edgbaston, C) asked whether the Prime Min-

ister shared her hope, after the statement hy Mr Arafat, that

perhaps the way was clear for an international conference

believed that the Arafat state-ment justified British insistence since 1985 of three points before

Part of the following report of a Commons debate on the Trans-port (Scotland) Bill appeared in

The Government is to make

extra funds available for the building of a causeway linking Vatersay in the Outer Hebrides with Barra, Mr Malcolm Rif-kind, Secretary of State for

Scotland, announced in the

Moving the second reading of the Transport (Scotland) Bill, he

special addition to the Island Council's capital allocation for

The Bill privatizes the Scot-

tish Bus Group and vests in the Secretary of State ownership of

the Caledonian MacBrayne shipping group, which provides ferry services to the islands.

Debate on the Bill, which Debate on the plan started on Wednesday evening, prolonged

was unexpectedly prolonged into the early hours of Thursday morning by Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk West, Lab), who was protesting about the recent prac-

tice of non-Scottish Conservative MPs joining in Scottish

He said that "they came out of the woordwork" for Scottish

questions. This was all good

public schoolboy stuff, but "I

will keep you out of your beds

However, after he had spoken

for 40 minutes, the closure motion was carried by 256 votes

to 191 — Government majority, 65, and the Bill read a second time by 257 votes to 189 — majority, 68.

aucstion time.

1989-90 and the next year.

later editions yesterday

Mrs Thatcher said that she

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Mr Kinnock said that it was

would vote against an order on ministerial saleries next Tues-day unless something was done about Mrs Currie.

of ministerial responsibility, she should have been relieved of her

obvious from that answer that the concern expressed by some Tory MPs and Labour MPs was

Later, during business ques-tions, Mr David Steel (Tweed-dale, Ettrick and Lauderdale, Dem) said that many of them

The Government would be aware of the slogan: careless talk costs lives. In this case careless talk had cost jobs, bankruptcies and the slaughter of hundreds of

job by now.

Mr John Wakebam, Leader of the House, said that he did not accept those strictures but took note of what was said.

took note of what was said.

Mr Ray Beggs (Antrim East, OUP) said that the extent and enormity of the damage done to egg producers should be fully considered together with the inadequacy of the Government's attempt to put right the great wrong done by one junior minister who should be dismissed forthwith.

Mr Webebarn said that the

Mr Wakeham said that the Government was well aware of the problems facing the egg industry. That was why they had issued the press advertisements designed to reassure the public.



ready for the fray

a heart attack in October, said yesterday that he hopes to be back in the Commons before the end of January (Philip Webster writes). The new, slimline Mr Smith, who has lost two stone during his convalescence, is to take a holiday in Gambia in January before resuming his responsibilities on Labour's front bench.

Mr Smith was well over 15 stone. Now, he said yesterday, he is down to 13st 4lb, and is hoping to break through the 13-stone barrier soon.

He said: "I am feeling very well. I have made a very good recovery and I am looking forward to getting back to pornal duties." Mr Smith has lost so much by strictly limiting himself to 1,000 calories a day. "I am an adept calorie-counter now", he said. "I had

a big incentive to lose weight and, if you have that incentive, you do Mr Smith has kept in touch by avidly reading the newspapers each day. He said: "It has given me a chance to stand back from the

Carlisle case

Abortion foetus inquest is demanded

An inquest should be held into the death of a foctus in Carlisle which was abouted and "lay struggling for life for three hours". MPs from all sides urged during questions.

They were told by Mr Dong-ias Hogg, Under Secretary of State for the Home Office, that the Home Secretary had felt there was no compelling reason to bold an inquest.

He said that this was a bona fide lawful abortion, the reasons for carrying it out were compel-ling and, as the foetus was incapable of surviving, it was thought desirable to spare the mother further distress.

Mrs Ann Winterton (Congle-ton, C), calling for an explana-tion of why no inquest had been held, said that after 21 weeks' gestation, the baby was deliv-ered alive in July last year in the City General Hospital, Carlisle, and died after struggling for three hours to live.

Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, Dem) said that the grounds given for the abortion in this case was disability, a non-recurring possible skin complaint that was in no way life

Had the Home Secretary take into account the absence of resuscitation equipment in that hospital when the abortion took place?

How did that square with the Infant Life Preservation Act. 1929, which said that a child might not be aborted if it was capable of being born alive? This one had been left for

three hours struggling for life before being put into a black sack and incinerated. Mr Hogg said that it was desirable to avoid using emotive anguage.

Ministers had given this case careful consideration. They had come to the conclusion he had outlined and believed it right. Sir Bernard Braine (Castle Point, C) said that the Select Committee on Abortion had recommended in 1976 that no abortion should be carried out

on a foetus of 20 weeks' gestation or more unless resuscitaion equipment and trained staff to use it were available. In the case of the Carlisle baby, there was resuscitation equipment in the bospital. It

was not used because it was in another building. Was that not in itself a good reasons to enough reason to order an 24 weeks.

Could an inquest now be ordered to demonstrate to the nation as a whole that regula-

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tions passed by the DHSS and accepted by the hospital services were flagrantly broken by this case? It was high time to end

Mr Hogg replied that he was conscious of the strong feelings of a number of MPs on this

The matter was given careful consideration by ministers . . . Sir Bernard: The law has been

Mr Hogg... and the conclusion that they arrived at was the conclusion he had outlined to the House. It would be wrong to depart from it now.

Mr Thomas McAvoy (Glasgow, Rutherglen, Lab) asked on what grounds the Home Secretary had decided that there should be no inquest.

This abortion contravened the Infant Life Preservation Act and the Abortion Act.

It was against the requirements of the Department of Health. No resuscitation equipment was available. "Surely, in view of this, the whole case must be investigated" (cheers).

Mr Hogg did not accept that there was a breach of the 1929

fully at this case, realizing that some MPs felt strongly about it. The conclusion he had outlined was the right conclusion.

Later, Mr Joe Ashton (Bas-setlaw, Lab) said that before the Abortion Act, an (annual) av-erage of 65 mothers had been destroyed through operations by back-street abortionists. That should be remembered.

Mr Antony Marlow (North-ampton North, C) said that there was something wrong with a society in which healthy human hife could be destroyed purely because it was socially inconvenient, as was happening in increasing numbers. Was that not against the law

and should the Government not do something about it? Mr Hogg said that the 1929-Act was plain in its effect.

The question was whether a rebuttable presumption should arise at 28 weeks, as it did at the moment, or whether there were reasons to believe it should be

That was a matter that had caused the House much distress before and was better dealt with by private member's legislation.

Arafat speech is big step forward

Mr Yassir Arafat's recent remunciation of violence is a considerable step forward in resolving the Middle East conflict and the British Government would certainly encourage it, Mrs Thatcher said

She added, however, that there were no immediate plans for the Foreign Secretary to meet representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

She was replying to Mr Ernest Ross (Dundee West, Lah), who asked: Given that the American Administration is now to meet the PLO at ambassadorial level, will she instruct the Foreign Secretary to meet the PLO at that level to help towards the eventual resolution of the Middle East conflict?

Mrs Thatcher: We have no immediate plans to do so, but I remind him that the Minister ol

Two MPs

involved in

scuffle

There was a scuffle inside the

Commons early on Thursday morning as Mr George Gallo-way (Glasgow, Hillhead, Lab)

and Mr Barry Porter (Wirral South, C) appeared to square up to each other.

The incident, which came at the end of a noisy debate on the Transport (Scotland) Bill, occ-ured as a group of members

waited to vote Just inside the

As arms were raised, several

members quickly intervened to

Mr Jim Sillars (Glasgow, Govan, SNP) later raised the

matter as a point of order. He said that a totally unprovoked

altercation had taken place in which Mr Porter had "taken a swing at" Mr Galloway, and he asked if that was unparlia-

Mr Brian Sedgemore (Hack-

"I witnessed three or four

criminal offences. There was

assault and battery, criminal

conduct likely to cause a breach

of the peace, possibly unlawful assembly. It seems to me that

there are three ways to deal with

this. The member for Glasgow

The Deputy Speaker (Mr Har-old Walker) intervened to say

that any action on disorderly conduct was for him to decide.

No such incident had been reported to him and he could not

ney South and Shoreditch, Lab) said that he had seen what

keep the two men apart.

mentary conduct.

| Hattersley | attack on crime

tersley was always anxious to exaggerate the bad news and explain away the good news. the the PLO could enter negotia-tions: recognizing United Na-tions motions 242 and 338; recognizing explicitly Israel's right to exist behind secure in burglaries, a crime about which Labour MPs had exborders; and unconditionally to pressed concern but were silent

fairs, accused the Home Sec risen by 15 and 13 per cent according to the two latest sets of statistics.

the hig reduction in total reported crime. In particular, when the figures were getting

sized the Government's determination to create a transport

The Bill would dismantle the

Scottish Transport Group,

which employed 10,000 people.

The group's main subsidiary. Scottish Bus Gronp, employed 9,000 people and had 3,000 huses. "It provides half of the local bus services in Scotland."

it was necessary to free the

industry of the restrictions that had governed it for the past 50

years. This had begun in 1986 when it was deregulated, which had been successful, and led to

more route miles being travelled. Rural services had not

The next stage was priva-

"Privatization of the Scottish

Bus Group will create 11 locally

viously there was only a single group. We believe that the

group. We believe that unc Scottish travelling public will

benefit from the creation of a

number of new independent

companies which can sustain

Financial assistance would be

given to management-employee teams which considered making

a bid. "The financial assistance

will be designed to enable

management-employee teams to obtain the professional finan-cial and other advice necessary to enable them to put forward

credible proposals for purchas-

If the bid succeeded, the

assistance would have to be repaid. If it failed, the greater

ing their companies."

Mr Rifkind, moving the sec- part of the fees would be met.

vigorous competition."

based companies where pre-

disappeared.

system based on local needs.

Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Oppo retary of complacency and smugness in his approach to crime. He said during Home Office questions in the Com-mons that violent crime had

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said that Mr Hat-The good news yesterday was there had been a sharp reduction

The following report of a Commons debate on the closure of North East Shipbuilders Ltd in Sunderland appeared in later

The shipyard closure was a wanton act of destruction on the part of the Government,
Mr Bryan Gould, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, told MPs. He
argued that a Cuban order for ships could
and should have been negotiated.

"It is an outrageous act of industrial vandalism and, like all acts of vandalism, it is all the more sickening because it was

In the past five years the yard had completed no contract to cost and in the past year alone it had lost £56 million on a

Yard closure 'act of destruction' The Government had examined the said that shipyard workers and the towns-

Opening the debate, Mr Tony Newton, Minister of Trade and Industry, moved a motion supporting the Government's

He said that the decision to close the Wearside yard had been taken against a background of a worldwide over-capacity in shiphuilding and a loss of £2 billion by British Shipbuilders, of which the yard was a subsidiary, since its nationalization in

Government to give cash for causeway

SCOTLAND

Mr Rifkind: Aid for the

Western Isles

The level of assistance would be

three-quarters of the costs of the

approved fees for the prepara-tion of a detailed hid, not exceeding £65,000.

preference to management-em-ployee proposals. Price will not

be the only consideration to take

into account. The main test will

be the operation of fair and safe

compension, employee partici-pation, and price."

He had decided that on

dissolution of the Scottish Transport Group, ownership of Caledonian MacBrayne ferry

company should be transferred

"We would wish to give some

widely canvassed possibility of a substantial order for general cargo ships from Cuba. But there was no guarantee that such an order could be secured. It would be highly unlikely that the ships could be built at a price the Cubans would be willing to without incurring further losses, even with the maximum subsidy allowed under European rules.

Mr Gould said that it was a mystery why the Cuban order, which would have been worth £110 million, had been disresarded by the Government. It was impossible to say that the order could not have been secured, at a price that was reasonable, since no negotiations ever took place.

Mr Neville Trotter (Typemouth, C) said that the cost to the taxpayer was something like £1 million a day since British Shipbuilders had been in existence. That

public assets by a combination of greed, incompetence and something which, if it happened

in the private sector, would be

close to being defined as corrup-

Sir Hector Mouro (Dumfries, C) said that the Bill would be

welcomed by the majority in Scotland because they wanted

better timetables, more convement services and the potential

to improve the tourist industry.

East, Lah) said that cash-rich predators from the South were

quening up to buy the bus companies. If that happened

control would be moved out of

the area. "Locally based and locally led companies will now be vulnerable to takeover bids."

North, C) said that privatization

would give employees a unique

opportunity to become share-

holders in the company where they worked. It would also

encourage management-

employee buy-outs.

whole proposal.

Mr William Walker (Tayside

Mr John McAllion (Dundee

have achieved very much.

to him. There would be a new

board comprising people with expertise, including some with knowledge of the islands served

He would look to the new

board, as a matter of priority.

locating its headquarters near the area served, and Oban seemed likely to be appropriate.

He was happy to announce that he would make a special

addition to the Island Council's

capital allocation for 1989-90

and the next year to accom-

modate building of the cause-way linking Vatersay in the Outer Hebrides with Barra.

Mr Brian Wilson, an Oppo-

sition spokesman on Scotland,

welcomed the announcement

and said that, without it, Vatersay would have gone the way of other Hebridean islands

and become devoid of popula-

That fate would have been

particularly inappropriate be-cause Vatersay was largely populated by people whose fore-

bears had arrived when Min-gulay had been depopulated

because it had no reasonable

The question that mattered

was not whether it was Scottish

or English companies that took over the privatized industry, but

their motives, the nature of the companies, the service they provided and the conditions for

Privatization had nothing to

do with encouraging worker-employee participation and everything to do with asset

It was about "ripping off"

tion.

harbour.

their workers.

hy the company.

There were indicators of a world upturn in shipping and that was why the Cubans were trying to get in early with substantial

the decision, though with some bitterness, if there had not been any orders, if they had been working in an out-of-date facility requiring massive investment, or if there had been no future for the industry in a declining market. But the opposite was Mr Christopher Mullin (Sunderland South, Lab) said that the Department of Education had recently invited tenders for an Antarctic survey ship. Why could that not have been built in Sunderland?

people might even have felt able to swallow

The £45 million package for Sunderland should have been spent on subsidizing a

Mr Alan Beith, Democrat spokesman on the economy, said that the Government had bungled the whole affair. Just when there was a real prospect of progress with decided to close the yard.

An Opposition amendment condemning the decision to close the yard was rejected by 290 votes to 227 — Government majority, 63, and the Government motion was a vast sum of money to have gone into the industry and it did not seem to him to carried by 281 votes to 223 - Government Mr Robert Clay (Sunderland North, Lab)

Parliament next week

Both Houses will rise for the Christmas recess on Thursday. The main business in the is expected to be:

Monday: Questions: Social Sec-urity. Debate on private mem-ber's motion on the protection of children. Christmas recess motion and Consolidated Fund Bill on which a variety of subjects can be raised. Among topics down for debate are: Transport in London; the egg industry, public order at football matches; and the roll tax. matches; and the poll tax. Tuesday: Questions: Education

and science; Prime Minister. Social security uprating and rerating orders. Motion on Scottish affairs select committee. Wednesday: Questions: Scot-land, Official Secrets Bill, second reading. Thursday: Christmas adjourn-

ment debates on various topics. The main business in the House of Lords is expected to

Monday: Children Bill, committee, first day.
Tuesday: Children Bill, committee, second day. Ministerial and other salaries order. Mrs Ray Michie (Argyll and Bute, Dem) hoped that the Secretary of State would take residual powers to prevent a predator company buying up all 11 new companies because that Wednesday: Debate on the preservation of the country's historic buildings and treasures. Debate on progress towards the privatization of British Rail. would make nonsense of the Mr Alistair Darling (Edin-hurgh Central, Lab) said that the Government was opening up the nation's till to allow its Thursday: Civil Aviation (Air Navigation Charges) Bill, sec-ond reading. Social security uprating and re-rating orders.

supporters to run away with the nation's assets. The privatized companies would eventually Parliament today amalgamate into one or two Commons (9.30): Debate on private member's motion public would be held to ransom,

Thatcher rebuffs Biffen

Mrs Thatcher took the early opportunity offered to ber by a Labour MP to say that she disagreed with the statement earlier in the day by Mr John Biffen, one of her former ministers, that there might no longer be a need for Trident.

Mr Norman Buchan (Paisley South, Lab) suggested that her offer to Mr Gorbachov of arms reduction had been made in a bronchial whisper. He asked her to "shout a little louder".

Mrs Thatcher: I read that statement. You will not be surprised to know that I disagree with it. We shall keep our nuclear deterrent.

Extradition complaint

The Irish Republic Government's extradition proce-dures were clearly unsatisfactory, the Prime Minister said during questions. Mrs Thatcher said that the Gov-ernment had had a clear assurance from the Taoiseach that the Irish Government's extradition procedures would be examined again "if they proved unsatist as they clearly have".

Safeguards for whisky

The recent EEC decision on alcohol definition marked the Government's determination to safeguard the whisky industry, Mrs Thatcher said at questions.

Mr William Walker (North Tayside, C) said that the Government's efforts showed that it and the Conservative Party were the best custodians of Scottish

Mrs Thatcher said that the agreement in Brussels had been the result of six years of detailed and difficult negotiations.

ID card plan rejected Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said during questions that the Govern-

ment did not favour plans for a national identity card. In response to questions from a Conservative MP, Mr Hard said: We do not believe a substantive case has

pulsory system.

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SPECTRUM

Lloyd's, the decade of controversy

xactly 10 years ago a large number of men in perfectly boring suits embarked upon one of the most unexpected pieces of artistic patronage this country has seen. The committee of Lloyd's of London appointed Richard Rogers as the archi-tect of their new building.

They might just as well have passed the port to the right or smoked before the Loyal Toast, so completely did this decisioo reverse normal City practice. For the City of London is full of dreadful modern buildings, primarily because its institutions almost invariably employ big esta-blishment architectural practices. The rest of us pay for their philistinism by having to contemplate objects such as the NatWest Tower.

But Lloyd's gave us No I Lime Street, a shimmering, encrusted mass of design ingenuity and exuberance. More precisely, Sir Peter Green and Courtenay Blackmore gave us the building, two men who, towards the end of largely anooymous City careers, sud-deoly found themselves among the most controversial and avant-garde of artistic patrons. Blackmore was to run administration at Lloyd's throughoot the building pro-cess; Green was to be both chairman of the committee nverseeing the building, and chairman of Lloyd's.

"I don't think my position has changed from what it was at the beginning," Green says. "We have solved Lloyd's space problems and Richard Rogers has been brilliantly successful. His design is oot everybody's cup of tea, but it makes people think and talk." And Blackmore says: "Rog-

ers fulfilled his initial promise throughoot." Somebody once made the incredible remark that he arrogantly led us by the nose and imposed his wishes. I've never heard such rubbish."

It was early in 1977 that Blackmore, head of administration, and Ian Findlay, then chairman, finally accepted that Lloyd's would need another oew building. It was a source of some embarrassment, since it would be the institution's fourth building this century. Up to 1928 it had been in the Royal Exchange, then in a new. grandly classical building in Leadenhall Street designed by Sir Edwin Cooper, and finally, since 1968, in another ocw building in Lime Street, designed by Terence Heysham. Each time Lloyd's had outgrown its buildings. Green was a member of the sub-committee looking at the options. Lloyd's were ambitious

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Spectrum goes in search of

answers to the

problems of

the inner cities

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from the start - they wanted a building that they would not immediately grow out of and they wanted a building by an architect whn was, as Blackmore keeps putting it, "worldclass". In fact, they were already disposed to take some risks. They had, in the face of murmurs of disapproval from others in the City, employed Arup Associates, not one of the established City designers, to build their administrative buildings at Chatham. The

Arups and Rogers. "Arups gave us a brilliant lecture on architecture from the 14th century onwards. We learnt an awful lot," Green says. Blackmore adds: "Rogers did a better job and was more secsitive to our uncertainty."

final choice was between

nt weren't there qualms about a man whose major building was the Pompidoo Ceotre? Green says: "I think we were very much more interested at that time in Richard's ideas of how he could make maximum. use of a rather irregularlyshaped site to create the largest possible underwriting floor with the minimum of obstruction."

In fact, in view of the controversy the building has since aroused, the initial responses were remarkably favourable. The first model Thank God it's not just another steel and glass box! .

That early model was to prove remarkably close to the finished building. The main change was the massive expansion in the size of the boxes housing the air-conditioning systems at the top of the building. But controversy, in the event, did not really get going until the building began to rise. There was some dismay at the concrete columns - these had originally been stainless steel, but had been vetoed by the fire authorities. And the radical appearance of the building was beginning to be understood - the external services and the way the service towers

created strange, irregular spaces on the site.

"By the time they realized about all the pipes and stuff oo the ootside, it was too late to do anything about it," Green says. "I'm not being mis-chievous. They could see they were there in the models."

Green thinks there were two reasons for the shock: first, lay people find it difficult to imagine drawings and even models as completed buildings and, secondly, everybody thinks they can do it better. "Architecture is probably

the most peculiar of the arts, the most difficult to understand and appreciate. But everybody, when they look at a building, becomes the greatest potential architect or architectural critic in the world, and they think they could certainly have done a better job themselves. It's a peculiarity of the British in particular."

The first head-on aesthetic clash that arose as the members of Lloyd's realized the revolutionary nature of what they had built came on the issue of interior decoration. Greeo's successor as Lloyd's chairman, Peter Miller, rejected Rogers's plans for the top floor offices and brought in an outside designer, Blackmore believes Rogers simply did oot realize that a fairly traditional chairman's office had been expected all along.

Bot, in spite of all the mutteriogs from withio Lloyd's, Blackmore and Green remained enthusiasts for the building. This became even more difficult after its opening as Lloyd's members complained about teething trou-bles, and stories began to circulate that the entire building was a disaster. he complications of

a big new building settling down were appeared in summer, 1978.

Green says: "People were enthusiastic. Most thought: In addition, of course, antimodern architecture feelings had been stirred up nationally by the Prince of Wales and, by the time it was completed, Lloyd's had become a useful symbol for those who wished to prove that architects could do nothing right. They said it was ugly and backed that up by saying it was too expensive to run and maintain. But Blackmore and Green had known about high maintenance and running costs all along.

> "It was known about and ideotified," Blackmore says, "but the point was that the building gave us a quite remarkable plot ratio. The committee accepted the building would cost money, but the



Underwriting the future with the new Lloyd's: Courtenay Blackmore and Sir Peter Green

value we were getting from the plot made it worthwhile,"

The plot ratio is the amount of space in a building relative to the ground plan of the plot. Lloyd's gave 7.5 to 1 compared with 5.5 to I elsewhere. In addition, 80 per cent of its space is usable - i.e., oot taken up by services - compared with only 45 per cent in the old building. On top of that, Rogers's design allowed Lloyd's either to expand or contract by using any oumber of floors in the building and letting out the remainder as

Green has now left Lloyd's to run his own company, and Blackmore is semi-retired, though he does advise others од дож projects. They are a contrast ing pair: Green calm, metho dical and frequently pedantic, Blackmore gruff and direct. Both reveal a lifetime of sitting on committees in their stately narrative style.

"Modern art of any description is much more difficult to understand," Green says.
"More simple means of representation have been taken over by the camera. You have to put your thoughts on canvas in a rather different way. Richard is a very strong personality who expresses his art in a very strong way. I think it's exciting."

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THE THINGS THEY SAY

 "Lloyd's is a very high quality building but it fails to provide basic human requirements. It is totally inhumane. That design approach is guar-anteed to induce a condition of mild clinical psychosis."

Sheena Wilson, of Building US Studies, a firm which specializes in investigating user complaints

• "I leathe the place but I'd scream blue murder if I was asked to move again. It's too hi-tech and gloomy."

Mike Harris, underwriter • The building was built for change and I welcome

·Without doubt a land-

mark, both in terms of the skyline of the City and in the history of Lloyd's." The Queen in her opening speech • "A tour de force of struc-

tural ingenuity, constructural quality and a design of almost medieval richness of form." The Royal Institute of British Architecture

• "It looks like a space shuttle." A broker in a hurry

"Hideons but exciting." Nigel Mackintosh and David Newman, counter assistants at Duff and Trotter, the grocery

Who mourns Hirohito?

The Japanese abroad are faced with a dilemma when their emperor dies

Nobuo Sato contemplates the imminent death of his emperor, and says: "You must understand, this is our first experience of such an event." Sato, the managing director of a London-based chain of Japanese restaurants, is not alone in his uncertainty. While Emperor Hirnhito fights his lingering battle in Trikyn's Imperial Palace, the 25,000 Japanese nationals liv-

who, until the end of the Second Wnrtd War, was considered a living god. There has been little official guidance for them and it is decision. more than 60 years since the

ing to Britain are trying to

decide how they should

mourn the demise of a man

death of the previous emp-'My generation eror. The Japanese embassy has different in London envfeelings towards holiday as a reisages a period of mourning.

our emperor' but the precise number of days depends upon advice received from Tokyo. There will, however, be an nfficial book at the embassy in which both Japanese and

their condolences. Ever since Hirohito, aged 87, who ascended the 2,600- a case of abstaining from year-old throne in 1926, first making a noise." became seriously ill about three months ago. Japanese nrganizations overseas have been cancelling functions as a mark of respect. Blocks of seats have been held back uotil the last minute oo flights from London to Tokyo in case a swift return by London-envisage a g based Japanese dignitaries of mourning

was necessary. The Japan Society of London, which has 1,000 members, has already cancelled its annual dinner and will postpone all other "fun and follifications" for as long as the embassy advises.

Sony's chairman, Akio Morita, who should have been coming to Britain at the end of October, delayed his arrival until oext April. And the ceremonial openings of Sony's German headquarters and a new tape factory in Italy have also been postponed. In Britain, where the company Japan for the coming year, he has only 44 Japanese employ-ees out of a workforce of 2,000, a short period of formal

The period and form of mnurning for companies is a matter for them and their parent organizations. Black clothing and arm bands may be worn by both men and women but that, 100, is likely to be an individual decisioo.

For many Japanese the emperor's death presents a moral dilemma, "I have two feelings," Sain admits. "I am 50 years nld and my generatioo has different feelings towards nur ensperor than the ynung generatinn has." He intends in discuss what form mnurning is in take with the 120 staff of his London restaurants before coming to any

The Bank of Japan, which 23 Japanese banks in Britain, is unlikely

sult of the death. But Masayuki Ishihara, the bank's deputy chief representative in Europe, expects employees may have a few mnments of prayer at their desks. "We have to stick to individual decisions on this matter," he

Nissan, the motor manufacturer, expect to show their mourning in the British style by flying their national flag at their Sunderland headquarters at half-mast. With nnly 45 Japanese employees out of a staff of 2,000, they do not envisage a great public show

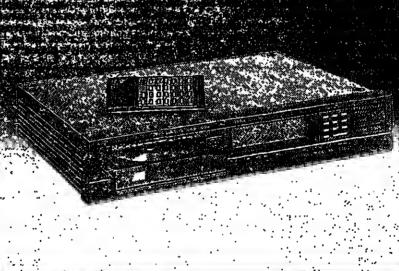
says, "Mostly I think it will be

Hideaki Hirano, senior adviser to the managing director. says that the policy is to follow "the British way of doing things", but he believes that some of the employees may choose to wear dark oeckties with their regulation navy-blue uniforms.

Presenting a view that more closely fits the foreigner's precooception, Sooy's Briosh spokesman envisages a time of reflectioo "and a period for looking forward to what is a new age". No calendars or diaries have been printed in

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Paddy's love story

Awkward though the question may be, it must surely be asked. Is Mr Paddy Ashdown in love with Dr David Owen? Ever since embarking on his leadership campaign for the Social and Liberal Democrats, Mr Ashdown has displayed the lover's propensity for purloining the mannerisms and characteristics of his beloved. At the moment, few of his gestures cannot be traced back to the doctor.

This was evident to an uncanny extent on his political broadcast on television on Tuesday night. Those who switched on accidentally were convinced that here was Mr Mike Yarwood making his TV comeback with a satirical impersonation of Dr Owen. As parodies go, it seemed quite excellent: Dr Owen's bluff, nononsense, man-of-the-world approach was reduced to the megalomaniac gurglings of a half-wit and his visionary frown into the middle distance emerged as a particularly

acute case of myopis "I'm angry," Mr Ashdown kept saying, while seated everso-cesualty on the arm of his wife's chair and only the most hard-hearted could not have found themselves belpless with mirth.

But in one important respect Mr Ashdowen, as he will surely become known, is behind the times. Ever since the last election, the doctor has eschewed the woolly jersey, yet Mr Ashdowen continues to wear one believing, presumably, that it still constitutes the third force in British

"I'm angry," said Mr Ashdowen, but the camera seemed to reveal less of his



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crossed woolly jersey. When will Mr Ashdowen realize that the woolly jersey was dis-credited at the last election, that its manifesto of bonhomie lies crampled on the floor, that it has been obliged to retire from public life, and is now to be seen in the East End performing charitable works in a vain effort to regain its reputation, along with Mr Thurpe's damble-breasted waistcoat and Mr Foot's donkey jacket?

But for the moment, poor Mr Ashdown still holds on to the woolly jersey of his beloved, pathetically maware that his beloved has deserted it for the crisp cuff and the wellcut collar.

An exciting new £100 million package of new comedy view-ing was unveiled by the BBC yesterday. "It's our most original and bilarious winter package yet," declared an official spokesman, Mr Dallen Dreary. New comedy series includes Hannah Gordon and Peter Egan in Joint Account, 2 roleanger than of his vividly criss- reversal marital comedy, Peter

Bowles and Felicity Kendal in Dinaer's Ready, a role reversal marital comedy, Jane Asher and Richard O'Sullivan in Have Your Done the Shopping, Dar ling?, a role reversal marital dy and Wendy Craig and Nigel Havers in Your Tie's Not Straight, described by its writers as "a role reversal marital comedy".

Lovers of more zany, off-

beat humour are also well served. Tony Britton and Nerys Hughes star in Has He Been Fed?, described by its producers as "a role reversal marital comedy for the 1990s". They say that it is the first such series to include a pet dog, and should thus be considered "a milestone in TV comedy".

The Great Wall of China strikes different people in different ways. Dr Johnson believed that every man should visit it so that his children might be endowed with the distinction of having a father who had seen the Great Wall. When Lord Northcliffe first caught sight of it, he ordered six bricks to be transported

back to England to decorate his garden. How will Mr Nicholas Rid ley react when he visits it on his current tour of China? His record as Secretary of State for the Environment suggests that he will immediately alert his hosts to its potential as a

major ring road, or as a prime

site for conversion to lexur

flatiets. It seems unlikely, however that he will he as dumbfounded by the spectacle as President Nixon, who merely sighed and said, "Gee, that's a SHEILA GUNN

Bogus all-party parliamentary groups have had their day. After years of complaints that MPs and peers misuse the respectability — and the special privileges in the House — of the tag, the Commons' services committee has outlawed them, with a little help from the Whips.

One Whip complained that until now some of the 230 groups using the title consist of "nine Tories and a dog". They are also prone to hijacking by pressure groups — now

prone to hijacking by pressure groups — now the subject of an investigation by another Commons' committee, which is looking

into lobbying interests.
In future, "all-party" groups must reflect
a genuine political balance of MPs and
peers. The formula will be that they must contain at least five Tories and five from the opposition parties, of which three must be Labour. They must also hold an annual election of officers. If they do not comply, their meetings will not be publicized on the weekly "whip" list.

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weekly "whip" list.

The first victim of the new rules could be the right-wing "all-party British South Africa" group. Its only opposition member is Lord Paget, the fox-hunting former Labour MP who has given open support in the Lords to apartheid. It is not to be confused with the more moderate all-party Southern Africa group, which re-elected its officers this week.

he doyen of the House of Lords and leader of the Labour peers, Lord Cledwyn, shares the honours this year for the title, "most impressive peer active in the Lords". According to a MORI poli amnng regular attenders, Cledwyn ties with Lord Boyd-Carpenter, leader of the Conservative backbenchers, with each clocking up 25 per cent of the votes.

They replace the previous title-holder, Lord Whitelaw. It is notable that 20 per cent of Tory peers picked Lord Cledwyn. While Lord Belstead, the present leader of the House, clocked up a respectable 22 per cent, support for Lord Young, the Trade and Industry Secretary, slumped five points this year, to 17 per cent.

he Conservatives are now the "green" party, and that's official, Lord Caith-ness has invited guests to his "green Christmas party" at the Department of the Environment next Tuesday. He has ordered Environment next Tuesday. He has ordered them to "wear something green". Among those on the guest list is his boss, Nicholas Ridley. It is not known if he will comply with the dress requirements. However, Caithness has been slightly upstaged by his own press office. They sent out invitations for their get-together tonight on green paper, and they are serving a powerful brew called Ridley's beer.

"be Lords, ebock-a-block with "broadcasting" peers, is having great fun berating the ideologically inspired government White Paper paving the way for a free-for-all in television. Lord Whitelaw received a beavy dose of praise from Lord Annan for resisting, during his tenure as Home Secretary, previous attempts to restructure the BBC. Applauding White-law's "massive common sense" Annan's judgement was: "I do not believe he would recognize a dogma if he saw one out in the park being taken for a walk."

However, Mrs Thatcher's worst fears about standards in today's clergy have been realized. The Bishop of St Albans unashamedly admitted to his fellow peers that he knew "several senior clergymen" who cannot bear to miss Blind Date on television on a Saturday night, even though it may play havoc with preparation of their



'Made Ron's Christmas — he sells old dance band 78s'

ord Brahazon has been prowling around the House of Lords enticing peers into the back seats of Department of Transport cars for a trip around central London. The minister's intention is to sell them the idea of "autoguides" technology's answer to a human map-reading passenger, which he aims to legalize in the Road Traffic Bill this session.

Among those taking up the offer have been Labour's frootbenehers, Lords Underhill and Carmichael, who returned impressed from their whizz around Westminster and Hyde Park following the computer's directions, which are bounced off roadside beacons.

be question worrying peers at the moment is: will they keep their cameras? If the contract for televising the Commons goes, as expected, to an independent company, they fear it is unlikely to want to take on the expense of keeping cameras in the Upper House as well. They always had a nagging doubt that the broadcasters were using them to strengthen their case for televising the Commons. The peers' broadcasting committee has called a meeting to discuss the future for January 24: the fifth anniversary of the first televised debate in the Lords.

ne face that many Tories - and some Labour peers — hope to see less often is that of Lord Monkswell, the "Dave Nellist" of the Upper Hnuse. The far-left hereditary Labour peer, whose main elaim to fame is admitting the Lesbian abseilers into the side gallery last session, is hoping to he elected to Manchester council.

Yoav Biran, Israel's Ambassador in London, expresses his country's distrust of the renewed American dialogue with the PLO; Michael Binyon, below, examines the changes that prompted the US initiative

Sideshow on the road to peace

n the 40 years of its existence the state of Israel and its people have continuously striven for peace. The unchanging Arab response was only too often that of belligerency, resulting in all-out wars between Israel and its Arab neighbours and a

Israel and its Arab neignoous and a continuous campaign of terrorism.

Israel has always searched for, welcomed and responded positively to the slightest genuine sign of meaningful change in the Arab world. Ten years ago we wholeheartedly welcomed Egypt's President Anwar Sadat, when he took his courageous step and came to Jerusalem. Following his visit, the peace agreement between Israel and Egypt was agreement between tsraci and Egypt was signed, based on Resolution 242 and on far-reaching Israeli concessions. It proved that direct negotiations, coupled with a genuine and mutual wish for peace, can bring an end to the conflict. Sadat was a true man of peace. Yassir Arafat tries to dress himself and his terrories conspiration in a similar image.

terrorist organization in a similar image terrorist organization in a similar image so as to appear palatable to the West. His verbal acrobatics distract the world from the main task of advancing peace, and towards the side issue of the Palestine Liberation Organization's involvement in the political process. Such participation would not advance the prospects of peace but would rather constitute a mesoripation for further

constitute a prescription for further instability and conflict in our region.

The PLO aims at establishing a PLO-controlled independent Palestinian state. Such a state will be non-viable and irredentist. It will become a basis for further terrorium and a base for defurther terrorism and a base for destabilizing forces endangering peace and security in the area. It is no secret that Israel is not alone in its objection to such a state, though others expect Israel to take the chestnuts out of the fire.

A closer look at the latest decisions and pronouncements of the PLO and Arafat will clarify the reasons for Israel's reluctance to be impressed by their ambiguity and his doubletalk.

The Palestine National Council is the

supreme policy-making body of the PLO, and its decisions are binding on it. In its latest resolutions the PNC refers to Israel as an "historical injustice". Although the PLO maintains that it accepted resolutions 242 and 338, a close examination of the text shows that the reference to these resolutions is qualified and conditional. Any change or modification of 242 and 338 would be them in the properties that the reference to these resolutions is qualified and conditional. Any change or modification of 242 and 338 would be about them in the properties that the render them inoperative, thus leaving the parties to the conflict without any

Moreover, the declaration of Palestin-



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ian independence has rendered even the qualified acceptance of UN resolutions meaningless, as it determines the outcome of the negotiations before they have even started. Israel, on the contrary, has refrained from changing the status of Judea, Samaria and Gaza so as not to pre-empt the outcome of

The same is true of the PLO's attempt In a same is true of the PLO sattempt to convey that it has given up terrorism. In fact it continuously fuels and encourages violence in the West Bank and Gaza. Arafat himself has in recent years given his personal blessing and sometimes operational instructions for some of the most notorious acts of some of the most notorious acts of violence. They include:

Instructions to Katyusha rocket-launcher operators to fire on northern

The torture and murder of two Israeli seamen in Spain in October 1985: The murders of three Israelis, including a woman, aboard a yacht in Larnaca, Cyprus, in September 1985; the bomb

explosion aboard the TWA jet over Greece in April 1986, killing four. The Palestinian Liberation Front, which carried out the hijacking of the Italian cruise ship, Achille Lauro, in October 1985, is directly financed by Fatah, the largest group in the PLO, headed by Arafat himself.

In recent weeks, PLO terror squads were intercepted while trying to infil-

trate Israel from the north with the purpose of taking hostages and killing civilians. Numerous PLO terror cells (some affiliated with Arafat's Fatah) have been uncovered inside the territories and Israel.

Neither an organization nor a person perpetrating and supporting such acts of sheer violence have any place in the Middle East peace process; Arafat's PLO remains part of the Palestine problem rather than its solution.

Israel regrets the present United States move with regard to the PLO. At the same time I have no doubt that differences of view on this issue will not affect the long-standing special relation-ship existing between Israel and the US.

It is built on shared values and common

Israel has been declared a "major non-Nato ally" by the US Congress and enjoys special political, economic and strategic co-operation that has proved of benefit to both countries. I have until recently been personally involved with this relationship as Assistant Director-General for North American Affairs in the Israel Foreign Ministry, prior to coming to London, and I have no doubt coming to London, and I have no doubt about the strength and durability of this special relationship. We have had disagreements in the past, as, for instance, over the Rogers' Plan of 1969, the "reappraisals" of 1975 and the Reagan plan of 1982, on which we differed, but which neither disrupted nor weakened the ever-growing ties. Israel is always ready to negotiate directly with those who really want peace and who, in both word and deed.

peace and who, in both word and deed, reject the path of violence and terror.
Israel believes that a just and lasting
peace in the Middle East can be
achieved only through political means.

oreover, Israel reconizes the legitimate rights of the Palestinians and accepts their right to participate in final status of the Administered Territories. Indeed, Israel believes that, in negotiations with Jordan and the Palestinians, a mutually acceptable mode of coexistence can be worked out.
Peace can be attained only through
strict adherence to the following principles: Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 must be accepted without any pre-conditions whatsoever, terror and violence must cease forthwith; Israel's

legitimacy and right to exist are an integral element of peace.

It is sad and unhelpful that energy, resources and emotions are now diverted by all concerned to a sideshow of PLO attempts to gain legitimacy and to a role they do not deserve. This sideshow bears no real relevance to the peacemaking process in the Middle peacemaking process in the Middle East, which is the only genuine and central issue that should concern all peace-loving nations.

Israel can only bope for a rapid return to the real issue. On our part we repeat our invitation to our neighbours, including the Palestinian Arabs, to join us in genuine negotiations, among equals and with no pre-conditions, until peace is achieved.

Why Shultz recast the Middle East equation

It is an axiom, as true of American politics as elsewhere, that it is best to take the most difficult and unpopular decisions quickly, and at a time when the opposition is least prepared. The Reagan Administration's decision to open a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization, taken with the encouragement of President-elect George Bush, is an historic volte-face. It restores waning American credibil-

ity among the Arab states. It heals a growing divergence with the European allies over approaches to the world's most intractable regional conflict. It gives immediate impetus to United Nations efforts to convene an international peace conference. And it will cause uproar in Israel, straining relations with America, angering the powerful pro-Israel lobby and creating new tensions in the American Jewish community.

George Shultz, the Secretary of State, insists he has not changed his mind. But coming within hours of an apparent categorie refusal to have any truck with the PLO, based on what seemed semantic hair-splitting, his decision has caught everyone off guard.

Suddenly, it changes the whole Mid-dle East equation. It points the new Administration in a direction that few

portant facts about American foreign policy that most people, here and abroad, overlook: first, that even in his final weeks an outgoing president has full authority in this field, and may indeed feel "liberated" to take controversial decisions. Second, there is a considerable degree of continuity in American foreign policy.
Why did Shultz take a decision with

predicted. And it underlines two im-

such far-reaching implications, rather than simply prepare the way for James Baker, his designated successor? The answer lies in his statement to Turgut Ozal, the visiting Turkish prime minister. "I'm about to be history. But before this happens, I'd like to make a bit of history by opening dialogue with the PLO."
Shultz has seen sudden and gratifying

progress in a range of formerly intrac-table issues on which be has laboured with plodding patience for many years: the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, the Namibia-Angola settlement, Cambodia, the Iran-Iraq war.

The one area resistant to all US efforts has been the Middle East. It is the area where Shuitz, who advocated the placing of Marines in Lebanon and the illfated Israeli-Lebanon treaty, has been most badly burned. Earlier this year he made a last-ditch effort to get peace talks going, through a preliminary inter-national conference. But his plan, though acceptable to the Arabs, foundered on the intransigence of Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister. Shultz exercised considerable restraint, before the Israeli and US elections, in refusing to criticize Israel. But now he

And he has been told very clearly by both the European allies and by the Russians, in extensive talks about the Middle East, that further delay would jeopardize everything. The US was in danger of letting the whole peace process slip from its grasp. Moscow is playing a more active role, and has made it clear that it would re-establish relations with Israel, once preparations for a peace conference got under way. The only missing element was the PLO.

However much the US is irked at the impunity with which Israel flouts the wishes of the country on which it is so dependent, all American administrations recognize the special relationship with the Jewish state that makes an open breach impossible. It is not simply the influence and money of the powerful Jewish lobby at work in Congress that guarantees such support, and nor is it the widespread perception of Israel as a hastion of democracy in the Middle

East. It is essentially because American foreign policy cannot escape the influence of the ethnie groups who have a special attachment to the country of their origin, and understand such attachments in other groups. There are more Jews in the US than in Israel. No administration can ignore these links.

strain with Israel A series of controversies - the 1982 invasion of Lebanon, the Pollard espionage case, the bitter argument over Israeli definitions of who is a Jew - have broken the consensus that the Israeli government must be supported, right or wrong, and have produced considerable anguish with the US Jewish community.

Shultz has been careful never to exploit these differences, nor hint at strong-arm tactics with Israel that would harden Israeli intransigence. Similarly Bush — and indeed Michael Dukakis refused to take any election stand that smacked of US pressure ou Israel. But Bush knows that having obtained the clear guarantees the US demanded nf the PLO, Washington cannot renege on its promise to open a dialogue once the conditions are fulfilled. That would abdicate to Jerusalem all responsibility for US Middle East policy. Even

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condemn the Shultz decision outright, although they have expressed great wariness and insist that Arafat must be

held to his word.

Congressmen, not being in session, have muted their knee-jerk expressions of outrage, and are taking their cue from Jewish groups. The Bush Administration comes in with a remarkable degree of superpower accord on the regional issues. The Middle East is clearly an area where the Russians are willing to demonstrate their new policy of not being hemmed in by old ideological attitudes, and where their new flexibility has put great pressure on the US to respond in similar vein.

It is far easier for Bush that this response be made now by an administration whose demonstrated concern for Israel's security is above suspicion, rather than by a new Secretary of State who would lay himself open to charges of bostility by pro-Israel groups.

Bush will insist that the US is still far

from agreement with the PLO. The US is unlikely ever to recognize the declaration of an independent Palestinian state. But the dialogue can now begin. And Shultz, coming full circle in his old Middle East nemesis, has made a little bit of history in his final hours.

Commentary • ROBERT KILROY-SILK

The short fuse of the law

Sunday, Stewart Steven, wrote in his newspaper last week about the undignified and threatening way in which he was treated by the police in Chiswick. According to his lengthy and indignant account, he was snarled at, dragged from his car, beld in a half-nelson, frog-marched to the local police station and publicly bumiliated. His offence was improper use of his car horn". Steven has lodged an official

complaint with the Metropolitan Police and speaks with great regret of the way in which his dream of "beautiful Britain and everything I had believed about it as one of the last bastions of civilized values" is ebbing away. We should feel sorry for him,

of course. But we should also ask where he has been hiding himself for the past dozen years, that the behaviour of police officers should have come as such a shocking revelation. He must not only have been insulated from everyday life but also, it would seem, from the informed conversation of his colleagues. That the editor of a national newspaper should have to learn about the change in attitudes and practices of our police officers through a relatively trivial personal incident shows how isolated from the reality of most people's lives are some of our so-

called opinion formers.

If the editor of *The Mail On Sunday* had bothered to talk recently to young people in Chiswick or Chester, Birmingham or Bromley - let alone Toxteth or Brixton - they would have told him as much, and

worker, social worker, commu-nity worker, probating afficer and schoolteacher. Don't editors communicate with such people? Don't they converse occa-sionally with Labour MPs, especially those representing the inner cities? A sensible and wellinformed MP, and there are more than a couple of them, could have put him right about the deteriorating relationship between the public and the police.

There are several reasons for the arrogance and aggression that he encountered, and they do not relate only or even mainly to the deficiencies in recruitment and training that he identified. Would that they did. Then they would be easy to deal with. Unfortunately, the causes are more important and deeperrooted than that

Part of the explanation for the new no-nonsense, take-no-prisoners approach adopted by many police officers is that re-cruits are no longer deferential or forelock-tugging in the way of so many of their predecessors. They have been taught, like the rest of us, that they are equals in a democracy. That is to be welcomed. But this change in perception

has been accompanied by an alteration in the way that they view other members of the community. Many police officers have exhibited a loss of respect that amounts almost to a contempt for those "in authority". And no wonder. What else is to be expected when they have experienced the disorder, and often violence, of the doctor and the nurse on the march and on the picket line? Why should they have respect for anyone when they have witnessed the same behaviour, in similar circumstances, from teachers, from social workers, from hospital administrators, from local government officials and from probation officers, to name but a few? Every one of these groups (along with middle class dem-

onstrators on such matters as changes in the abortion laws) have shown a willingness to employ violence and engage in public disorder to a degree that has sometimes put the football booligan in the shade. When councillors and MPs exhibit the same kind of unruliness, then it is no wonder that those pledged to uphold the law tend to have a little disrespect for those they are supposed to be serving.

If all this is not enough to disillusion the young and enthu-siastic police officer, then a few days on the battle-lines at Sahley or Wapping, Orgreave or Whitehall, or facing knives at Broadwater Farm and petrol bombs in Brixton, will soon reeducate them. It must be difficult for a police officer subjected to the violence, the venom and the hate of these occasions to then return to Chiswick and become the local and loved community pobcemen. It is

asking too much of them. Anyway, we don't ask it of them any more. We expect something totally different. We have trained them to become a disciplined paramilitary force. They are schooled in armed combat, taught to contain riots and shown how to manage publie disorder. We give them stockpiles of guns, tear-gas and plastic bullets. The emphasis of their training and of their equipment is to control rather than to help, to police rather than to serve.

Every single criminal justice Act in the past 10 years has given the police increased powers over the individual citizen, in addition to those powers granted in the legislation on drugs, on drinking and driving, on the wearing of seat-belts, and, most important, on public disorder.

It is not just that the bestowing of additional powers on the police means that they find means to use them. The granting of them is accompanied by a psychological message that the individual citizen is less important, less vulnerable; that he is a subject to be policed rather than a citizen to be served.

But let us be clear about this: we have got the police force that we deserve. The way that it operates now and the attitudes that its individual officers display are a response to operational needs, not the product of a warped mind. It is our fault. Stewart Steven is right: there is

nn need for the arrogance, the beavy-handedness and the sheer discourtesy that is so often displayed by those in uniform. But it will be eliminated nnly when more of those like him come no against life in the raw more often, and when they stop rejecting every allegation of misconduct against the police as stemming from anti-police bias. Perhaps this is the best reason we could have for the random breath-testing of motorists.

ON THIS DAY

Prince Albert died of typhoid fever and congestion of the lungs at the age of 42. It was said of him at the time that "he lived in the treadmill of never-ending busi-ness and did not cling to life".

LONDON, MONDAY, **DECEMBER 16, 1861**

The nation has just sustained the greatest loss that could possibly rave fallen upon it. Prince Albert, who a week ago gave every promise that his valuable life would be lengthened to a period long enough to enable him to enjoy, even in this world, the fruit of a virtuous youth and a well-spent manhood, the affection of a devoted wife and of a family of which any father might well be proud, - this man, the very centre of our social system, the pillar of our State, is suddenly snatched from us, without even warning sufficient to prepare us for a blow so abrupt and so terrible. We shall need time fully to appreciate the magnitude of the loss we have sustained. Every day will make us more conscious of it. It is not merely a prominent figure that will be missed on all public occasions; not merely a death that will cast a permanent gloom over a reign hitherto so joyousand so prosperous; - it is the loss of a public man whose services to this country, though rendered neither in the field of battle nor

in the arena of crowded assemblies, have yet been of inestimable value to this nation, - a man to whom more than any one else we owe the happy state of our internal polity, and a degree of general contentment to which neither we nor any other nation we know of ever attained before. Twenty-one years have just

elapsed since Queen VICTORIA gave her band in marriage to Prince ALBERT of Saxe-Gotha. It was an auspicious event, and reality has more than surpassed all prognostics, however favourable. The royal marriage has been blessed with a numerous offspring. So far as it is permitted to the public to know the domestic lives of Sovereigns, the people of these islands could set up no better model of the performance of the duties of a wife and mother than their Queen; no more complete pattern of a devoted busband and father than her Consort. These are not mere words of course. We write in an age and in a country in which the highest position would not have availed to screen the most elevated delinquent. They are simply the records of a truth perfectly understood and recognized by the English people. It has been the misfortune of

most Royal personages that their education has been below the dignity of their position. Cut nff by their rank from intimate association with young persons of the same age, they have often had occasion bitterly to lament that the same fortune which raised them above the nobility in station had sunk them below them in knowledge and acquirements. Thanks to the cultivated mind and sterling good sense of the Prince Consort, no such charge will be brought against the present generation of the Royal family of England. Possessing talents of the first order, cultivated and refined by diligent and successful study, the Prince has watched over the education of his children with an assiduity commensurate with the greatness of the trust, and destined, we doubt not, to bear fruit in the future story of our reigning family and its firm hold on the affections of the people.

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CRACK IN THE ICE

With his short press conference in Geneva on Wednesday, Mr Yassir Arafat changed the terms of play in the Middle East. The change may not be permanent but it is no less dramatic for that. Comparisons with Camp David and President Sadat's journey to Jerusalem are premature. But it is not too early to identify that a change has happened - the clearest change yet in the unacceptable politics of the PLO.

Mr Arafat has well chosen his time to go the last mile towards meeting the United States' conditions for dialogue - the acceptance of Israel's right to exist within secure borders and the "renunciation" of terrorism. The speed of the US response testifies to the frustrations which have been building up since the meeting of the Palestine National Council in Algiers

For Washington the transitional period between presidencies is an opportunity for calculated risk. Although on Wednesday only small steps hampered the opening of talks between the US and the Palestine Liberation Organization, there was the fear that, as ever in the Middle East, those steps would never be

Unmodified, Mr Arafat's speech to the United Nations on Tuesday would have headed the PLO back into the limbo of violence in which many of its leading figures wish it to lie. The opening of negotiations at this stage was vital if Mr Arafat was to sustain the fragile pact between PLO factions constructed at Algiers.

It was statesmanship on his part to reject the advice of PLO hardliners and commit himself and the PLO to a peace in which Jews and Arabs would "live and let live". But statesmanship will be hard to sustain without progress towards a state in which to practice it.

The opening of "substantive dialogue" between the United States and the Palestine Liberation Organization does not alter the fact that the dossier for discussion is fiercely complicated. It would be unreasonable to expect an early breakthrough. Even leaving aside the almost insuperable problem of Jerusalem, for both sides the holy city claimed as the capital of their states and the symbol of their national and religious identities, there is barely an inch of frontier which is not sensitive.

Certain pieces of the jigsaw fit more neatly than before the launching, a year ago, of the Palestinian intifada in the occupied territories. Most important, Jordan has effectively renounced its claims on and connections with the West Bank, creating a geographical space for the heartland of a future Palestine and prompting the Algiers declaration of Palestin-

ian independence. But any comprehensive peace settlement would have ultimately to include not only agreement between the PLO and Israel, but other questions left over from the 1967 war such as Israeli occupation of the Syrian Golan Heights. The convening, in the near future, of an international peace conference is completely unrealistic.

Before any such conference could be held, let alone succeed, hard bargaining will be needed. The call for it at the United Nations is useful only as an added pressure on the parties directly concerned. Israel's position, as outlined on the opposite page, is clear. Although some of the demands are unreasonable (Mr Arafat does not control all the violence of the intifada, as the Israelis well know) the key issue at this stage is not whether Israel accepts the PLO's invitations for talks.

The fundamental decision facing Israel is, as the US representative to the UN, Mr Vernon Walters, said in Geneva, whether eventually to withdraw from most of the territory it has occupied since 1967. The United States' task, as mediator, will be to find the difficult formulae by which Israel may detach itself from the West Bank and Gaza on terms which do not threaten its security as a state.

A step-by-step approach is the only one with any chance of success. The first step, which will impose equally stringent tests on Israel and the PLO, would be towards de facto selfgovernment in the occupied territories.

In April 1976, Israel permitted the holding of municipal elections in the West Bank, pulling its forces out of the towns while polling took place. The result did not, as Mr Shimon Peres, then Israel's defence minister, had hoped produce a "moderate" leadership to which Israel could grant a large measure of

Israel, which has no ground for expecting victory for its preferred candidates 12 years later, will be reluctant to repeat the experiment - particularly in view of the large-scale Israeli settlement in the West Bank in the intervening years. One of the key questions which has to be answered by the indirect negotiations between the US, the PLO and Israel is whether there is any form of elected, non-Israeli rule for the territories which both sides could accept.

Israel would stand to gain, in the movement towards an orderly transfer of power, from the election of local Palestinian representatives. Mr Arafat has deprived Israel of its alibi for total immobility. The choice for Israeli leaders is no longer whether to look for a settlement,

Mr Arafat would take, in turn, much convincing of the virtue of elections which stopped short of establishing a Palestinian state in a single step. The external PLO leadership has been well aware that it does not control the intifada. Mr Arafat would be unlikely to welcome the establishment of an official internal leadership.

The minimum conditions for this initial step towards the "peaceful coexistence" for which Mr Arafat says he aims would probably be, on the Israeli side, a complete halt to its settlements policy; and on the part of the PLO, a serious commitment to securing civil peace in the run-up to elections. For Israel, this could only be possible under a national coalition independent of the extremist religious parties.

Mr Arafat would on his side have to break, unequivocally, with PLO factions still committed to violence. The fact that Mr George Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, yesterday greeted the of direct talks with the "Palestinian victory" is a promising sign.

Even PLO hardliners may be coming round to the thought that talk may be a quicker route to Palestine than fighting.

PROBATION REPORT

Latest figures on the economy are more reassuring than some of late. Earlier this week the Government announced that retail sales last month fell by 0.5 per cent which helped to put the worrying increase of the previous month in perspective. All the reports from high street retailers have been for a rapid slowdown in sales and the official figures now appear to bear this out. News, which in some months would be distinctly unwelcome, is now reassuring when the economy has been growing faster than industry's capacity to produce, leading to inflationary dangers and rapid growth in imports.

Yesterday this better news was supported by other economic indicators. Growth in average earnings fell back in October from 9.25 per cent in the previous month to 9 per cent. This was to some extent expected because of the distortion produced in the figures this time last year by settlements reached with the teachers and local authority workers, but it was reassuring to see some slowing down.

There is now that much less chance of inflationary pressures leading to a reversal of the fall in unemployment. Last month there was no sign of that with the biggest monthly

drop in the numbers out of work since July. There was also slightly better news from revised figures on the balance of payments. More careful estimation of invisible earnings from services than is possible with the monthly figures shows a smaller deficit in the third quarter than originally announced. The size of the deficit remains such that there is little doubt that demand in the economy is too high, but the adjustment is a reminder of the fallibility of the figures. Even more important is the huge balancing item in the accounts, a statistical euphemism for inaccuracies in compiling the numbers. The imprecision represented by the balancing item is now larger than the entire current account deficit. Some probably represents unrecorded net exports, some capital inflows.

On a longer timescale, the investment intentions displayed in the half-yearly survey conducted by the Department of Trade and Industry show a high level of confidence in industry. Investment is expected to remain strong next year giving hope that the rapid growth in productivity recently can be maintained in the months to come.

A more sustainable set of figures gives some hope that the interest rate medicine is beginning to work. But it is not going to be easy to read the signs accurately during the next few months and formulate policy appropriately. The Chancellor's budget judgement is going to be even more difficult than in previous years because a large part of the effect of raising interest rates will not be fully felt until after the Budget speech has been delivered. Up to 40 per cent of all borrowers on mortgage only have their rates adjusted once a year and that does not usually take place until April.

Several further pieces of information will become available before decisions have to start being taken. There will be inflation figures published today, next week a new set of trade figures. Policy-makers will be hoping that these deliver an unambiguous message. Meanwhile the present policy stance is still on probation.

Dons' pay talks From the Vice-Chancellor of

Reading University Sir, University authorities intend to withdraw from the present academic pay negotiating machinery (report, later editions, December 10) because the financial position of too many universities is too fragile to risk the imposition of a pay award which would put institutions in peril.

The universities have confirmed their desire to talk and negotiate, but they cannot do so within a mechanism which embodies compulsory abitration without any guarantee that the funds needed would be provided.

Talks are continuing. We hope that they will lead to a joint approach by the universities and the Association of University Teachers to Government and to a response which will make it possible to retain and recruit staff.

The increase in average earnings in the country as a whole is about 9 per cent; it is no more than a mable request for these staff, but it is well beyond the ability of universities to pay without new money. No offer of 9 per cent was made, or can be made, in the present financial state of univer-

Yours faithfully, EWAN PAGE (Chairman, University Authorities Panel), Vice-Chancellor's Office, The University of Reading, PO Box 217, Whiteknights, Berkshire. December 13.

Canary Wharf

From Mr Michael Goldman Sir, The widely-felt fears about the visual effect of the towers being built at Canary Wharf are well expressed in the letter from Tony Noakes and others (December 9). Another view is that a cluster of towers will enhance the townscape in a way that the usually isolated tower blocks of the past have failed to do: compare the bitty look of modern London with the dramatic New York skyline.

Few would want the whole of London to be transformed but perhaps a mini-Manhattan on the Isle of Dogs would actually improve the appearance of a hitherto visually desolate area.

In 1987 I put the idea of a balloon (suggested by Mr Adcock, December 13) to the London Docklands Development Corporation and in February, 1988, I was told that the developers were looking at the possibility of some sort of advertising ballooo". Yours faithfully MICHAEL GOLDMAN, l Lyndale Close, Blackheath, SE3.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Irish refusal to extradite Ryan doty is to exercise, as an indepen-dent functionary of the constitu-

trial

From Mr Francis Bennion Sir, The Irish Attorney General, Mr John Murray, was right to refuse the extradition of Patrick Ryan (report, December 14). It pains me to say that, because I have always been bitterly opposed to the IRA as an undemocratic engine of tyranny. They murdered my friend Ross McWhirter, I wrote the "Ballad of Guildford" in anguish at the IRA bombing there, and it was sung in a commemorative television programme.

These things I mention as a reminder that I am not one to condone the wicked and terrible acts of the IRA. I support Mr Murray's decision with a heavy heart, but supported it must be.

Mr Murray gives as his reason prejudicial statements made in Parliament and the media. He says the fact that these were made (and it is a fact) "manifestly and mescapably" means that no direc-tion by the trial judge could be effective in removing from the minds of a British jury trying Patrick Ryan the bias they have created.

Here Mr Murray goes too far: no one can be certain that the judge's direction would be ineffective. and probably it would not be. But a real doubt has been created. The prejudicial statements bave contravened a golden rule of British justice, of which we British lawyers are proud. This, in Lord Hewart's words, is that

it is not merely of some importance but is of fundamental importance that justice should not only be done, but should manifestly and un-doubtedly be seen to be done.

There is another important aspect to this matter. In a leading article (December 14) you criticise Mr Murray's decision because it was "a policy decision, and oot a legal finding". This is to mis-understand the nature of the Attorney General's unique office in common law jurisdictions. His

Transport troubles

From Mr Lucas Mellinger Sir, Robert Adley, MP, and Michael Welbank, who address the tranport planning problem (December 6) conclude respectively with the suggestions that "politicians . . . could experiment by seeking agreed solutions" and "the debate must go on and a sociallyacceptable transport strategy for our arban conurbations found". Surely, necessity now makes more constructive demands.

One single relevant fact intelli-gently faced will eliminate urban congestion and enhance substantially the economy of this country. It is that cars are grossly inefficient n site utilisation.

A vehicle designed to transport four persons, when in use, carries oo average 1.2 persons; efficiency, 30 per cent. It is used on average two hours in 24; efficiency, 8 per cent. It demands national floor space (equivalent to a small bedroom) three times - in the garage, on the road, and at its destination, efficiency, 33 per cent - a cumulative efficiency of less than I per cont compared with a vehicle that occupies space according to its need.

Technological successes in other fields, providing for flexibility and for miniaturisation (e.g., the umbrella) suggest that an efficient personal vehicle is a practicable design project. Whilst the cost of such a vehicle would be greater than current, or rather present-day immobile models, the expense must be set not only against that of delays, accidents, parking, fines and policing, but also against the

Defending midwives From Mr J. Lowe and

Mr A. J. Evans Sir, Mr D. B. Garrioch (December 8) has written to yoo with the apparent intention of supporting the midwives, but his letter will have done more harm than good in the advancement of their status and self-confidence.

In devising the post-"Griffithe" management structures, the managers and professional advisers in this authority have placed increased emphasis on the lead role of the divisional manager (the senior midwife who has statutory responsibility for all aspects of midwifery in both hospital and community as supervisor of midwivest

The sisters are supported by a clinical nurse specialist, who re-ports to the divisional manager who, in turn, has a professional responsibility to the chief nursing officer - the immediate past-President of the Royal College of

Egg fever

Currie.

Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

From Mr John Biffen, MP for Shropshire North (Conservative) Sir, On December 4, Mrs Edwina Currie, a junior health minister, asserted that "most" of the nacould go a long way. tion's egg production was infected with salmonella. She used the Yours faithfully, word "most" rather than "some" JOHN BIFFEN. House of Commons.

or "much". Meanwhile, there has been a fall December 14. in egg consumption and the livelihood of many poultry farmers has been adversely affected.

ernment. Such an attitude fosters

the cancer of arrogance. This implies a challenge to the Prime

I have looked in vain for an apology from Mrs Currie for her use of the word "most" in respect of alleged salmooella infection of the national flock. It is possible I have overlooked such an apology. If, however, oone has been made and none has been required by the Prime Minister, the situation points to an uncomfortable conclusion. It is that apology is an Yours faithfully. unfamiliar concept for this Gov-

From Mr Gerard Harrison
Sir, I am disappointed, like many
others, that the Irish Autorney
General has not acceded to the request of her Majesty's Govern-ment that Patrick Ryan should be ment that rather kyan should be extradited to this country to face charges of terrorism. I cannot agree, bowever, with Mr Don Joyce (December 8) that designating all Irish citizens who live here as hostile aliens would have the slightest effect on the fight against

tion, the prosecutive power of the

State, or power to put persons oo

This necessarily involves an

element of policy, but it is

prosecution policy, not governmental policy, lo my view it

was correctly exercised by Mr

Murray in this case, much though we British may dislike admitting

Yours faithfully, FRANCIS BENNION,

62 Thames Street.

December 14.

Oxford.

Like Mr Edward Heath, I still believe in that great principle of British justice that a man is British justice that a man is innocent until proved guilty. If every request by her Majesty's Government for the extradition of an alleged terrorist is followed by the popular press acting as judge and jury, along with public outbursts from members of Par-liament (who should know better), I should be surprised if any of our European neighbours will consent to hand over their citizens whose right to a fair trial may well have been prejudiced.

Yours faithfully, GERARD HARRISON, 28 The Towers. Lower Mortlake Road, Richmond-upoo-Thames, Surrey. December 14.

construction of giant roadworks which alleviate only local prob-lems whilst a single efficient car, as envisaged, will improve conges-

tion wherever it goes, world wide. Almost as a by-product of sucb a British development, our motorcar industry would resume an international lead and demonstrate to hidebound economists that it is oot growth alooe but relevance that matters. Yours faithfully, LUCAS MELLINGER, 4 Kew Green.

Checking coaches

Richmond, Surrey.

From Mr F. W. G. Perryman
Sir, Mr Clarke's complaint
(December 10) against the Kent
police is singularly ill-directed. He should be sending them his grateful thanks and a donation to the Police Benevolent Fund. They seem to have prevented risk to his life and spared him the likelihood of mutilatioo in another motorway pile-up.

He states that the reason for the delay to his coach was stated to be that the tachometer showed 60 minutes over the permitted hours. That was in Kent at the start of a return journey to Ilkley, some 300 miles further on, perhaps six hours night-time motorway driving in the heavy drizzle Mr Clarke

Congratulations to the Kent police for preventing danger to road-users by stopping it at source F. W. G. PERRYMAN,

Somerset Villa, 4 Somerset Road, Ealing, W13.

Midwives. The divisional manager enjoys the complete trust and support of the midwives on the staff.

By statute a similar relationship has to exist in all health authorities. Professionalism is therefore maintained to the highest level and does oot "disappear" as Mr Garrioch suggests.

Of course, the unit general manager and district general manager apply business principles, but our decisions are firmly dependent upon the professional advice received from the midwifery and other clinical specialists. There is total confidence between line management and the professional midwives in this district.

Yours faithfully, JACK LOWE (District General JOHN EVANS (Acute Unit General Manager), Tunbridge Wells Health Authority, Sherwood Park, Pembury Road,

Minister no less than to Mrs

If desired, the matter could be happily resolved through the correspondence columns of your newspaper. A little contrition

From Mr D. A. G. Simpson Sir, Were one of the far-left local councils to pay out a large sum to counter an irresponsible statement by one of its own members the action would be roundly condemned and possibly lead to legal action on behalf of the ratepayers. What redress has the unfortunate taxpayer for the proposed Government expenditure of £500,000 on publicity to repair the damage caused by Mrs Currie's pronouncement oo eggs? DAVID SIMPSON. 7 Wingfield Street, SE15.

A helping hand for Mr Gorbachov

From Mr Richard S. Rowntree Sir, The conjunction of the ootable and tragic events of December 7 provides an important opportupity for the exercise of statesmanship, President Gorbachov's speech to the United Nations placed the concept of sufficient defence firmly on the world political agenda.

The Armenian earthquake has served as an horrific reminder of the urgent need for the organisation of resources on a world scale to combat disasters, whether natural or partially man-made, of famine, flood, carthquake or tornado.

East and West both share the orgent need to halt the excessive diversion of vital resources to military purposes and the common danger of the advanced defence technology becoming so implanted into the economic and political systems as to be virtually out of the control of any country's

Though there can be no quick or simplistic solutions to the im-mensely complex problems of disarmament, there is an urgent need for imaginative measures to demonstrate the link between expenditure on defence and the basic requirements of society.

The aim must be to foster both the necessary political will and the required public patience for the inevitably lengthy negotiations essential for the achievement of disarmament with security.

One positive measure would be an initiative to establish a perma-nent United Nations disaster fund and unit with an agreement that all member states should make an initial contribution by means of a common percentage cut in their national defence budgets for the coming year.

The actual formulation of a proposal of this kind in direct response to the events of last week would give oew bope and impetus to the vital but occessarily slow process of world disarmament.

Given the present interregnum in Washington and the Prime Minister's oow unique positioo as the most experienced world statesman with a special personal relationship with both the United States and Soviet leadership, would it oot be timely for Mrs Thatcher to consider tabling such an initiative?

For it would surely represent a valid exercise of practical idealism of the kind for which the Prime

Earthquake protection

From Dr P. W Allen Sir, In the aftermath of the Armenian earthquake it was useful that your Technology Correspondent and Mr David Swin-(December 13) some methods currently favoured by engineers to provide buildings with some protection against earthquakes.

It is doobtful whether either of the two methods ooted are the best possible. Opting for a "structure that remains as rigid as possible" may enable the building to survive intact, but its very rigidity will aggravate the effect of the earthquake on the contents of the

There is no point in contriving that a bospital or other emergency services building is undamaged, if all the equipment in the building is wrecked. The Japanese proposal to use computer-controlled mecbanical devices to offset the forces generated by an earthquake, while ingenious, seems complex and is

certainly costly. There is another method: "base isolation", in which the building is supported by specially-designed rubber blocks on a rigid base. This

Minister would perhaps most like to take her place in history.

Yours sincerely RICHARD S. ROWNTREE, Kingthorpe House, Pickering, North Yorkshire. December 12.

From the Senior Dean of All Souls College Oxford Sir. Heedful of the wise cautions of the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary and, in your columns last week, Mr Michael Heseltine (article, December 9), probably most of us have nevertheless been wondering what the United Kingdom could sensibly and safely now do to assist Mr Gorbachov to realise his professed aims and make some evident response to

the moves in the right direction that he has been making. I believe that there is one such response that we could and should make. We could make available a substantial sum in scholarship money to enable Soviet students to come to British universities and polytechnics to study here. If Mr Gorbachov is sincere in his stated desire for peace and co-operation between East and West, he will welcome such an offer as a constructive way in which we can help the USSR whilst at the same time enabling many more of his young people to judge a West European society for themselves.

Moreover, whatever they may think of our undoubted faults as well as our virtues and blessings, they will certainly leave with an understanding that there is no possibility of our initiating aggres-

sive action against their country. Yours faithfully, JEREMY LEVER, Senior Dean, All Souls College, Oxford.

From Mr Roy Dean Sir. President Gorbaehov's announcement io the UN General Assembly (report, December 8) that he intends to reduce the Soviet Armed Forces by 500,000 has been variously described as an "offer", an "initiative", a "historie gesture", a "challenge to Nato". and "unilateral disarmament". Io my view, it is none of these things. It merely represents the kind of demobilisation which the Western Allies carried out at the end of the Second World War, as they reverted to a peace-time economy and is probably being dooe for the

same reasons. But by all meaos let us give credit to the Soviet leader for taking the sensible decision which eluded his paraooid predecessors for more than 40 years. Yours faithfully,

ROY DEAN, 14 Blyth Road, Bromley, Kent.

system, which is relatively simple and cheap, can protect not only the building but also its cootents, and therefore appears to meet all requirements for a practical earth-

quake protection system. An example of the use of this constructed law centre, situated in the San Andreas fault in California. In October, 1985, shortly after its completion, this building was subjected to a modest (4.9 Richter) carthquake. Measurements made of the forces within the building during the earthquake showed that these were reduced, as predicted, and the building, together with its cootents, would undonbtedly have survived an

earthquake of greater magnitude. Although this method is known to many carthquake engineers, its merits should be more widely recognised, especially since it is specifically adaptable to the types of buildings favoured in less-rich countries, where most earthquakes occur.

Yours etc... P. W. ALLEN (Secretary). The International Rubber Research and Development Board, Chapel Building, Brickendonbury, Hertford.

it became clear that traditional

methods were not working, we

had to take more decisive steps. I

doubt that we would have re-

ceived mueb support if we had taken the action before trying the

more usual, and on the whole

Ilea has contributed in full

measure to the debate oo how to

improve quality in schools. "Self-seeking" though you may consider it, let me just mention three

successful, means of support.

Teacher transfer

From the Education Officer, Ilea Sir, Your editorial (December 12) about Highbury Quadrant Primary School draws some unwarranted conclusions from our proposal to transfer teachers from the school. Our unprecedented action was taken because of our concern aboot standards io the school. It preceded publication of HM Inspectors' report and was the result of the monitoring system developed by Ilea inspectors to support schools and teachers in

Over the past two years we have made great efforts to improve the curriculum at the school. Such support takes time to work. When

Sir, Where Mr Woodhouse was

wrong (letter, December 8) can we rely on Mr Salteena in The Young

Visiters? Chapter 2, "Starting

When the great morning came Mr Salteena did not have an egg for his brekfast in case he should be sick on

Sir, Your leader today (December

15) refers to confusioo as to where

Government responsibility lies for

a code of practice in the keeping

and feeding of hen-laying eggs.

With biological - and ter-

minological - mutations of this

magnitude, a state of confusioo

Highfold, 23 Grasmere Avenue.

Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Lawless Bethune

the jorney. Yours faithfully, LAWLESS BETHUNE,

All Saints Cottage.

Alton, Hampshire.

From Mr C. D. Elston

seems hardly surprising. Yours faithfully,

C. D. ELSTON,

Oueens Road:

December 12.

gaily", begins:

examples: the primary language record, warmly praised by the Cox committee on English teaching; the schools-industry compacts, now being promoted nationally by Norman Fowler, and our graded assessment work, which is now being extensively used in the establishment of a national assess-

> national curriculum.
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> There are many other examples, as anyone trying to give a balanced report would have acknowledged. Yours faithfully. DAVID MALLEN, Education Officer,

ment system as part of the new

Inner London Education Authority, The County Hall, SE1. December 15.

Numbers game From Mrs K. McDonald Sir. The game count in our garden this morning was one roe deer, five pheasants, six partridge in amongst two newly-planted Con-

ference pears. Should this give rise to a new Christmas verse? Yours faithfully, KATE McDONALD. Fontwood House, Fontmell Hill Iwerne Minster, Blandford, Dorset,

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They be sent to a fax number -

December 5.



KENSINGTON PALACE December 15: The Prince of Wales gave a dinner to discuss

conservation and wildlife

The Princess of Wales opened

the Norman and Sadie Lee Research Centre, National In-stitute for Medical Research, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, NW7.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith

and Lieutenant-Commander

Patrick Jephson, RN, were in

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 15: Mr Justice Judge had the honour of being re-ceived by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Bachelor.

Air Vice-Marshal John Severne had the honour of being received by The Queen upon relinguishing his appointment as Captain of The Queen's Flight when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Queen was represented by the Lord Strathclyde (Lord in Waiting) at the Memorial Service for the Earl of Ranfurly (formerly Governor and Com-mander in Chief of the Ba-hamas) which was held in St James's Church, Piccadilly, this morning.
The Duke of Edinburgh was

represented by Sir John foreton.
The Prince Edward attended a Incheon with the Complaints
Investigation Bureau of the
Metropolitan Police at New
Scotland Yard.
Lientenant-Colonel Sean

O'Dwyer was in attendance.
The Princess Royal this evening attended a Dinner and Dance to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Sports Writers' Association of Great Britain at the Wembley Conference

Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

Subsequently, Her Royal Highness attended a Carol Concert in aid of the Cancer Rebef Macmillan Fund at Westminster Abbey.

Mrs George West and Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson, RN, were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE December 15: Princess Alexandra, Deputy Colonel-in-Chef, The Light Infantry, this afternoon received Major General J. D. G. Pank, Colonel of the Regiment, and Commanding Officers, Lieutenant-Colonel R. P. Cousens (2nd Battalion) and Lieutenant-Colonel I. I. Servers Licutenant-Colonel I. J. Sawers (7th Battalion). Her Majesty also received Lieutenant-Colo-nel R. W. T. Osborne upon retiring as Regimental Secretary and Colonel R. E. Waight upon

assuming this appointment.
Princess Alexandra was represented by the Hon Angus Ogilvy at the Memorial Service for the Earl of Ranfurly which was held in St James's Church, Piccadilly, this morning.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Inter-national President of the World Wide Fund for Nature, will visit the Nigerian Conservation Foundation from February 15

Dinners

Royal Society of St George The Lord Mayor, Patron of the City of London branch of the Royal Society of St George, accompanied by the Lady May-oress and the Sheriffs and their ladies, was the guest of honour at the annual Christmas dinner held last night at the Mansion House. The Lord Mayor, Mr Raymond S. Findlay, chairman, Mr Brian P. Boreham, vicepresident, Mr Norman Royce and Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael Beetham were the

Law Society
The President of the Law Society, Mr Richard Gaskell, the Vice-President and the Council held a dinner at the Society's Hall on Wednesday. Among those present were:

Company of Glass Sellers of London

Mr Robert F.B. Marshall, Master of the Company of Glass Sellers of London, assisted by Mr John F.B. Clark, Prime Varden, and Mr Oliver C.T.R. Normandale, Renter Warden, presided at the installation dinner held last night at Stationers' Hall Judge Sir James Miskin, Renter Warden and Mr Michael

Marriage Mr A.D. Oliver

The marriage took place on December 9, 1988, in New Haven, Connecticut, of Alex, son of Mr M.J. Oliver and Mrs

Carrin, elder daughter of Mr and

Mrs J.C. Hutton, of Ferns Hill, Kingsweston Road, Bristol.

Company of Glass Sellers of London Rose Bowl award for 1988 to Miss Lucy Parham. Aming others present were:
The Earl of Donoughmore, the Bistop of Chehmsford, the Master of the Lightmongers' Company, the Printe Warden and Master-elect of the Gold and Silver Wyre-Drawers' Company, the President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, Mr E A G Morgan and Mr P J Wilsoughby,

Africa-European Community

Dr Mohammed Chambas, Deputy Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Provisional National Defence Council of Ghana, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Africa-European Community Association at the Farmers and Fletchers' Hall last night. Dr Carol Cosgrove, vicehairman, presided and Miss Mary Cosgrove, executive sec-retary, also spoke. The High Commissioner for Ghana was among the guests.

The British Institute of Energy Economics
The Norwegian Minister of

Energy, HE Mr Arne Oien, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by The British Institute of Energy Economics in The Re-form Club last night and chaired by the BIEE Chairman, Paul Tempest. The 1988 BIEE Award to The British Energy Journalist | Foundation at Half Moon Lane, of the Year was announced a the dinner and presented to Peter Bild, of Energy Information Investments Ltd. Guests

The Norwegian Ambassador, HE Mr R.T. Busch, Mr Paul Sidnner, Manag-ing Director of Norske Shell, Mr Eric Price, UK Department of Energy, and Mrs D.E.F. Carlor, Vice-President of the BEE.

Royal Society of St George

The following have been elected nfficers of the Royal Society of St George for the ensuing year: President, Sir Colin Cole, Garter Principal King of Arms, Chair-man, Mr John Minshull-Fogs, Vice-Chairman, Mr George An-drews; Secretary, Lieutenant-Colunel John Williams.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.K. Ismail and Miss C.M. Twigg

Mr D.P. Lockley

and Miss G.C. Lane

Mr LL.H. Mackillop

and Miss A.G. Reeve

Mr R.E. Palm

The engagement is announced between Lorne Mackillop, MW.

and Miss H.H. Pemberton-

The engagement is announced

Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.

Mr J.C.N. Connell and Lady Alexandra Hay The engagement is announced Mr and Mrs Christopher Connell, of Pitlochry, Perthshire, and Alexandra, daughter of the late Sir lain Moncreiffe of that ilk, of Easter Moncreaffe, Perthshire, and the late Countess of Erroll.

Mr R.M. Bowers and Miss C.C.C. Sit

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs R.D. Bowers, of Wendens Ambo, Essex, and Catherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs K.C. Sit, of Kowloon, Hong Kong.

and Miss V.J. Bell

The engagement is announced between Edward, youngest sor of the late Mr Francis D.W Brown, CMG, of the Foreign Office, and of Mrs Rath Brown, of Westbrook, Godalming, Surrey, and Victoria, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael D. Bell, of Rynehill, Kingham, Oxfordshire.

Mr M.P. Crown and Miss A.C. Jos

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr M.K. Crown, of Finchley, London, and Mrs P.B. Deane, of South Holmwood, Surrey, and Alison, only daughter of the late Mr D.H. Jones and of Mrs J.B. Jones, of Taplnw, Buckinghamshire. Jones, of Buckinghamshire.

Mr G.P. Golding
and Miss G.H. Rajjayabun
The engagement is announced
between Graham, eldest son of
Mr and Mrs T.P. Golding,
Bromley, Kent, and Gail,
daughter of Dr and Mrs P.
Rajjayabun, Brighouse, West
Yorkshire.

Mr N.H. Hughes-Davies and Miss C. Cohen The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Dr and Mrs T.H. Hughes-Davies, of Fordingbridge, Hampshire, and Carol, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs B.

Today's royal

engagements

Queen Elizabeth The Queen

Mother will attend the London Fire Brigade's carol service in St Paul's Cathedral at 6.55.

The Prince of Wales, Patron of

the Sue Ryder Home (Leckhampton Court), will visit

Leckhampton Court, Church Road, at 10.30; and will visit

The Princess of Wales will attend the Olympia International Show Jumping Championships at 2.25.

Prince Edward, president, will

announce the winning team of, and the amount raised by, the second Holborn Great Invest-

ment Race at 9.45 am at Prudential Holborn Unit Trust,

The Princess Royal, Chancellor

of London University, will visit King's College London (King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry) at 10.00 to open the

laboratories of the James Black

30 Old Burlington Street.

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Mr N.A. Gordon and Miss U.P. McGregor The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and The engagement is annunced between Neil Gordon, of Milan, laly, son of Dr and Mrs.
William W. Gurdon, of
Garcosh, Glasgow, and Una
Patricis McGregor, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, daughter of Mrs Michael Prosser. 0 Edgbaston, Birmingham. Loretta, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Scheer, nf

OBITUARIES

Swart Symington, who held

senior appointments in Presi-

after the Presidency

there he met Evelyn, the

daughter of a prominent Sen-ator, James Wadsworth of New York. They married in

After a successful business

and steel, he set about reviv-

ing a St Louis electrical mann-

facturing company, but then the Second World War broke

out. He turned his business

into a factory for manufac-

turing bomber turrets and by

the end of the war the turn-

over was in excess of a

hundred million dollars a

It was while in St Louis that

he met Senator Harry Tru-

man, then investigating war

industries, who was much impressed by Symington. At the end of the war Truman,

then President, invited

Symington to head the Sur-

plus Property Board to dis-pose of billions of dollars

worth of government war

forces.

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Queens, New York, USA. pans, Hernordshire, daughter of Mrs Margaret McGregor and the late Mr Donald McGregor, of Glasgow. The wedding will be held in St Albans. Mr N.J. Righy and Miss S. Tian Qi Niail Righy, formerly of Twick-enham, and Sophie Tian Qi, are pleased to announce their mar-

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tine Margaret, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Twigg, both of Mr J. Schofield and Miss R. Thompson The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Wing Commander and Mrs Victor Schofield, of Castleford, York-The engagement is announced between Dickon, only son of Mr netween Dickon, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Lockley, of Fulwood, Lancashire, and Gina Clare, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Lane, BA, of Cockerham, Lancashire. shire, and Ruth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Thompson, of Shirtell Heath,

Mr M.G. Taraball

and Miss S.A.H. Hinton The engagement is announce between Michael Gerard, youn-ger son of Mr and Mrs LF.M. Turnbull, of Amesbury, Wilt-shire, and Sally Ann Hamilton, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F.H. Hinton, of Farnham Manor, Farnham, Suffolk. elder son of Mr Alastair Mackillop and Mrs Mary Mackillop, and Geraldine, only daughter of the late Mrs Patricia

Surgeon Captain A.V.D. Moss and Miss C.A.M. Keane The engagement is announced between Surgeon Captain An-drew Moss, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, and Caroline Keane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Mal-colm Keane, of Limerick, Ireland. Mr M.N. Vipend and Miss C.J. Wright The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs D. Vipond, of Kew, Surrey, and Christine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs V.M. Wright, of Chandlers Ford, Hampshire.

and Miss E. Woolf

between Richard, elder son of the late Commander and Mrs E.G. Palmer, of Framlingham, The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs David R. Young, of Warwickshire, and Emma, daughter of the late Mr Solomon Woolf, of Jersey, Channel

Memorial service

The Queen was represented by Lord Strathchyde and the Duke of Edinburgh by Sir John Moreton at a service of thanksgiving for the life of the Earl of Ranfurly held yesterday at St James's Piccadilly, Princess Alexandra was represented by Alexandra was represented by Alexandra was represented by the Hon Angus Ogilvy.

The Rev Donald Reeves officiated, assisted by Canon Smith. The Marquess of Aber-gavenny read the lesson and Lord Carrington, CH, gave an address. The Secretary of State for Empire and Commonwealth

Green.
The High Continuisationer for New Zestiand, the High Commissioner for the Bahamas, the Marquest of Cholmondeley, the Marchioness of Abergavenny, the Earl of Scatterough, the Earl of Governe, the Earl and Countess of Inchose, Lord Desmond Chichester. Lord Pensier, Lord and Lady Holderness. Lady Carlington, the Dowager Lady Walchurst. Mr. James Rameden (chairman, London Clinic) with Miss E Boden (matron) and Mr. R. J. Kent: Lady May Gava mar Desmond FitzGerald, Mr Henderson, Mr John Histor,) Mrs David Drummond, Mrs. Commander Mission,)

Birthdays today

for Foreign and Commonwealth

Affairs was represented by Sir Edwin Arrowsmith. Among oth-

Hermitone Countess of Ranfurty (widow). Mr John and Lady Caroline Simmonds tson-in-law and daughter), Lucy and Zara Simmonds (grand-daughter), Lady Maynard (sister-in-law). Major-General M Llewettyn (brother-in-law). Lord Michael Pratt. Mr and Mrs Tohy Motley, Mr Michael Motley, Mr and Mrs Peler Maynard, Mrs John Green.

ers present were:

Thwaites, principal, Inchbald School of Design, 57; Miss Liv Uliman, actress, 50; Mr W.H.P. Whatley, trades unionist, 66.

Professor Sir Harold Bailey, former professor of Sanskrit, 89; Mr N.C. Blamey, artist, 74; Sir Michael Carlisle, chairman, Trent Regional Health Authority, 59; Mr Arthur C. Clarke spierce writer 11; Indeed Clarke, science writer, 71; Judge Myrella Cohen, QC, 61; Professor Bernard Crick, author, 59; the Hon Peter Dickinson, author, 61; Mr Joel Garner, crick-eter, 36; Mr R.N. Gunn ctairman, The Boots Company, 63; Sır Jasper Hollom, former deputy governor, Bank of Eng-land, 71; Lord Margadale, 82; Lord Mottistone, 68; Vice-Ad-miral Sir Charles Norris, 83; Sir Victor, Pristoper, authoris, 83; Sir Victor Pritchett, author and critic, 88; Lieutenant-General Sir David Scott-Barrett, 66; Sir John Thompson, former High Court judge, 81; Mrs Jacqueline

Gala evening

Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, will be the guest of honour at an event to be held on January 19, 1989, in the City of London. The I CAN Paint Dinner and Auction consists of a champagne reception, dinner with wines, a jazz band straight from Ronnie Scott's and an auction of disabled children's paintings, by Sotheby's, All of I CAN's well-known supporters will be present. The dress is black tie and the tickets are £100 inclusive. Please apply to Benita Plax, I CAN, 198 City Road, London, EC1V 2PH Telephone: 01-608 2462,

There will be a memorial service for Graham Hutton on Wednesday, January 25, 1989, at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, at

Mr H.J. Joel sends to all his friends his very best wishes for

Suffoik, and Halcyon, daughter of the late Mr A.D.F. Pemberton-Pigott, CMG, and of Mrs Pemberton-Pigott, of Kes-

He did such a good job that when he was ready to return to his business in St Louis President Truman offered bim the post, which he accepted, of Assistant Secretary for Air. Later with the unification of the fighting services the Air Force was given separate identity in the newly-formed Department of Defence and he became Secretary for Air nnder Defence Secretary James Forrestal

Then in 1950 Mr Truman offered him his biggest job in government, the chairmanship of the National Security Resources Board, which had

dent Harry Truman's admin-istration and was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1960, died on December 14 at the age of 87. He served as Secretary of the Air Force and, later, as chairman of the National Security Resources Board which was then regarded as one of the three most important posts in Washington He was a member of the US Senate for 24 years, returing in 1977 and, through his stress-ing the belief in a strong defence in the post-war world, earned a reputation as the watchdog of America's armed William Stuart Symington was born in Massachusetts in 1901, and brought up in Baltimore. Intellectually he was a precocious child: at ten he asked for, and got, the Encyclopedia Britannica for a Christmas present. He went to Yale and while still a student

career in radio parts and iron been in a state of desuctude because the Senate had refused to confirm Mr Truman's first nominee. Symington had the Board running efficiently when the Korean War started. While chairman of the Board he continued to press for a strong national defence and voiced his concern over Russian progress and intentions. From the Resources Board he went to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation as Administrator but did not stay

STUART SYMINGTON

US Presidential nominee who advocated

strong post-war defence policy

In 1952 he won the primary in the Missouri contest for Senator, defeating Mr Truman's personal choice and then going on to win the election in November. In 1956 the Missouri delegation at the Democratic national convention offered him as a "favourite son" nominee in the contest which Adlai Steven-

son went on to win. His interest in defence continued unabated. He was a lone voice in the Senate warning that Russia was making great strides in science and military power. In a speech in 1957 he insisted that America was under-rating Soviet power, claimed that Russia was ahead of the United States in some things and attacked Eisenhower for making defence cuts. Before the year was

by putting the first Sputnik in

His friendship with President Truman cooled at times, especially when he was attacking Truman's defence policies, but in 1959 it became widely known that the former President was backing Symington as one of the two best candidates for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency in 1960: the other was Lyndon Johnson. He was regarded as a strong

compromise nominee with many assets: unlike other nominees he had not offended any large voting group, he had broad executive experience in Government, and as a successful business man he was admired by the business community and got on well with labour. However, he lost the nomination to John F Kennedy.

Symington was the only senator to serve on both the Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees. He was a firm opponent of United States military involvement in Vietnam, which he held to be irrelevant to US security and harmful for the country's economy. He retired from the Senate

in 1977. Symington's first wife died in 1972. He is survived by his second wife and two sons of

out the Russians confirmed second wife and this estimate of their progress his first marriage. JUDGE NAGENDRA SINGH

Nicaraguan Contra dispute at the World Court Singh contributed notably after Independence, held a

Judge Nagendra Singh, the Justice at The Hague from 1985 until early this year, died on December 11 at the age of

As President he directed the court's deliberations in one of the most politically sensitive international litigations of recent years when, in 1986, it ruled against the United States over the issue of aid to the "Contra" rebels in Nicaragua. The action had been brought by the left-wing government of that country and brought it a considerable propaganda suc-

An atmosphere of division, verging on hitterness, had been exacerbated by the decision of the Reagan Administration to withdraw from the proceedings after the initial

Indian who was President of to the production of the the International Court of restrained and meticulous judgment on the merits, which could be backed by a strong majority and would, at least, enjoy the respect of those, within and without the court, who could not agree with it.

He was well-fitted for this task by his untiring conciliatory approach; he combined respect for the dignity of others with a disarming readiness to sacrifice his own. His simplicity of approach did not, however, conceal a shrewd and lively mind. A cadet of a princely family

in Rajasthan, Singh studied law at Agra University and St John's College, Cambridge, and was called to the Bar at Gray's Inn in 1942.

succession of important posts, including that of Secretary to President Radhakrishnan of India from 1966. First nominated to the

International Court by India as judge ad hoc in a dispute with Pakistan arising out of the 1965 hostilities, he was elected a full member of the court from 1973, and reelected from 1982. Singh was also an academic

lawyer and an expert on international maritime law.

His individual opinions attached to the court's decisions showed his attachment to peace and justice, and concern for the supremacy of the law. He will be remembered as a judge of truly international stature who worthily repre-He had joined the Indian civilisation and Civil Service in 1937, and, Hindu ideals.

SIR ROBERT PERKINS Pilots, politics and papers

Sir Robert Perkins, who in the 1930s was instrumental in starting the British Airline Pilots' Association and served as a Conservative MP for Strond, Gloucestershire, for almost 20 years, has died at the age of 85.

Besides a lifetime's interest in aviation, Perkins also had a career in business and in 1932 became a director of Southern Newspapers, assuming the chairmanship in 1945, a position he held until 1968. In 1959 he joined the board of Southern Television.

He was President of BALPA from 1973 to 1976, after having been a Vice-President from 1937 to 1973. In 1945 he was briefly Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Civil

Perkins had been bitten early by the flying bug when working near Heston Aerodrome which was built by his friend Nigel Norman whose widow, Patricia, he was ul-

Mrs Elma Dangerfield writes:

Apart from being a great But reading is not the only patriot, who never took Brit-ish nationality, Rowmund Pilsudski (Obituaries, December 12) was one of the first ardent Europeans in the early 1940s. In 1943 he founded the Middle Zone Association in London, with a committee of most of the leaders of Eastern Europe in exile here.

At the same time he pub-

lished and edited the Whitehall News, a weekly bulletin of East European news to which many exiles contributed.

timately to marry during the Second World War. Having bought his own de Havilland Moth he flew extensively through Western and Eastern Europe between the wars. Though it was not

known to his flying friends, he was regularly reporting information so gathered to British intelligence. He was a man with a rare combination of boundless

good humour, deep know-ledge of engineering, political awareness, coupled with love for and skill in air piloting. His unimpeachable honesty made him rather more than just a good friend for people in many walks of life. Born in 1903 and educated

at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, he learnt about various aspects of engineering in Manchester and Southall. He later was vice chairman of two family engineering companies in the north of England.

In 1931 he was elected

When it published the "secret clauses" of Yalta, in advance of any other periodical, the New York Times reprinted them, so reliable were its SOurces considered.

the late Duchess of Atholl to broadcast from Glasgow to the women of Warsaw to give them courage and sympathy from Britain.

He then persuaded the "Red" Duchess to come to London to found the British

Conservative MP for Strond losing the seat in 1945, though he got back to Parliament for the Stroud and Thornbury Division from 1950 to 1955.

At the outbreak of war Perkins, as a member of the RAFVR, initially flew hastilyarmed light aircraft over the armed agnt autrant over the Irish Sea "to make the U-boats keep their heads down", as he put it. Later he was a flying instructor while also keeping up with his duties as an MP.

In 1953 he got the headlines by asking Duncan Sandys, then Minister of Supply, "to what extent development work was being undertaken towards inter-planetary flight". He got the reply:
"None, sir. The problems of this world are, at present, more than sufficient to occupy the government research capacity". As an aviator and an engineer, Bobby Perkins had a better feel for the spinoff for industry.

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ROWMUND PILSUDSKI

In 1944, during the Warsaw Rising, Pilsudski arranged for

League for European Freedom, which publicised the plight of East European refugees by many public meetings, at the most memorable of which Jan Nowak (ADC to General Bor-Komowroski, who commanded the freedom fighters in Poland) escaped through the sewers of Warsaw to address an overflowing meeting in the Caxton Half.
In 1945, while incendiary bombs often interrupted meetings, Pilsudski inspired

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Both time spent in education and good results from intelligence tests showed a significant direct relationship with severity of myopia, but only to a degree. While the association with milder forms of short-sightedness was strong, it fell of dramatically with more severe forms. The finding that myopia is associated with intelligence and time spent in education will time spent in education will reinforce the storeoutype of the bespectacled scholar. But while a mild myopia can be triggered by a little learning, rarer and more serious cases are more likely to have an underlying genetic or pathological cause unrelated to mental agility, according to three researchers in Deamark writing in the December 10 issue of The Lancet. It could be that genetic factors predominate over environmental circumstances with increasing myopia, with disease or illness underlying the most serious cases of all. Nevertheless, the case that mild myopia can be induced by reading, or prolonged close-field vision in general, seems very strong. It is supported by additional work showing that animals reared in confined spaces tend to be myopic.

Myths of myopia

Most short-sighted people start wearing spectacles while still at school, and there is much evidence relating short-sightedness to a fondness for books and schoolwork. But spec-tacles are not an automatic badge of scholarship: it could be badge of scholarsmp: It could be that some people are born with a predisposition to myopia, in-duced by close-up vision in the course of reading or bandicrafts, while other keen students may

The new results echo this more general view: they do not unequivocally support the idea that reading, of itself, causes short sight. If this were true, myopia would have had a much greater association with educational level than with general intelligence. After all, the length of that served by cramming at school is by itself no index of apritingle. retain 20-20 vision.

By the same token, there are likely to be many susceptible people with no bookish tendencies who will have not developed myopia. But there is surprisingly fittle information on the links between education and the degree of myopia, mild or

severe. Compulsorary national service in Denmark has provided an

But reading is not the only activity that can link education and intelligence so closely with myopia. Reading in children is probably just one aspect of the general curiosity shown by all intelligent children, even as small inflants. By constantly exploring the close detail in the world about them, curious children may be more prone to short-sightedness than their less enterprising fellows.

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EYDER - On December 13th 1988, peacefulty, Montague John, and 85 years. Priest, former Headmaster of Quainton Hell School and sometime District Commissioner for Harrow and Weslastone Scouts. Office of the Dead. Chape of St. Francis, Quainton Hell School, on Tuesday, December 20th at 8.00 km. Solemn Requiem Mass at St. John's, Greenhill, on Wednesday, December 21st at 10.45 em followed by creaner 21st at 10.45 em followed by creaner 21st at 10.45 am followed by crema-tion at Breakspear Crematorium. Rudsip, at 12.45 pm. Enquiries and flowers to J.A. Massey & Sons, 18 Lowiands Road, Harrow, Telephone 01-422 1688, or donations to The Mayor of Wandsworth's Clephan Junction Diagster Fund, Regulem Mass also to be celebrated at St. Stephen's, Gloucester Road, on Friday, January 27th at 11.00 am. Petrestments afterwards.

O'NEILL - On December 15th 1968, peacefully at his home to Lisbon, 'The O'Neill of Clanaboy, Jorge O'Neill of Lisbon, Portugal, January 27th at 11.00 am. ments afterwards. PAYNE-GALLWEY . On December 14th, courageously at Newmorket Hospital, Am Payne-Gallwey, widow of Colone Peter Payne-Gallwey, O.S.O. Family funeral private. Memorial service to be amnounced. FORTE - On December 12th, suddenty at Windsor, John, aged 80 years. Much loved husband of Lina and father of Peter and Victor. Funeral service at 12 noon on Monday. December 19th, at The Sacrad Heart PERRY-LEWIS - On December 12th PERRY-LEWIS - On December 12th 1988, Paul aged 49, dear darting husband of Carol and loving father of Matthew. Torn from us. Requiem, wednesday. December 21st. 12.15 pm at The Sacred Heart Church, Richmood Hill. Bounzemouth. private interment following. Family nowers only but donalions it wished for Cholesterol Research Fund (The Rayne Institute), St Thomas Hospital. London, SEI 7EH. Service of Thanksgiving to be aumounced at a later date.

PREDTT - On December 14th 1988. FRANK - On December 14th, Miss Elizabeth Baynton otherwise Judy. Cremation. No person shall attend. Any donations to The Injured GRAHAM On December 12th 1988, suddenly but very peacefully to Norfolk, Maxwell Naider Graham M.B.E. take Royal Artillary. Very much loved father of Authoritie (Tont) and Brian. Suppliture of Zoe and Selly, grandfather of Jene. Amanda, Alexander. Timothy, and Naids. Great grandfather of Samantha. Selly missed by all his friends to Devon, London and Norfolk. Funeral service Mortinke Crematorium. London, on PIGOTT - On December 14th 1988, peacefully, Mah, aged 92. Widow of R. Moumiford Pjott and much loved mother of Richard, Michael, Brian and Sucelagh and loving grand mother and great grandmother. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on December 19th at 9.30am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Friends Qf The Elderly. 42 Ebury Street. London SWIW OLZ. Norfolk. Funeral service sopruske Crematorkim. London. on Wednesday December 21st at 1.00pm. Flowers to T.H Sanders & Sons, 447 Upper Richmond Rd., East Sheen. London. 5W14 7.JM. QUEEN. On December 16th 1968, peacefully. Beall Stuart aged 76, much loved husband of Elly and father of David, Judy, and Jonatham, and steplather of Cartistopher. Funeral, Guildford Crematorum, 2.30 pm. Tueday December 20th. Family flowers only. HERREXT - On December 13th, 1988 peacefully at Royal Hittats County Hoopias, Winchester, Ernest (Ellip') Le Quesa, aged 86. Late of Compton Lodge, Eastbourne and Vasterne Manor. Wootton Basect, beloved husband of Vae. much loved father of Judy. Michael and Anthony and a deer grandfather. Service at St. Debet Church, Shockbridge, Homb. Family flowers only. renary issues and received the suddenty in tracic circumstances at home. William John Mervyn Ct. Cdr., R.N., retired), spec 64. Loving faither of Amanda. David and Benjamin. Private cremation. Memorial service to London, to be announced. of Judy, Michael and Anthony and a dear grandfather, Service at St Peter's Church, Stockbridge, Hants, on Monday, December 19th at 12 noon. No flowers blease. Dopations if desired to the Parkinsons Disease Society of Jno Steel and Son, Chesil House, Winchester 0962 63195. ROSEDALE - On December 15th 1988, peacefully. Peggy, wife of the late Rio, both of Wimbledon, mother of Diana. Stephanie, Camilla and HOSES - On Thursday December 15th 1988. peacefully. Elinor Rosembry of Castle Hedingham. Very dearly beloved mother of Souta and wife of the late Colonel Juan Hobbs. Funeral service at All Saints. Feering, on Tuesday December 20th at 11.30am. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to St. Helena Hospice, Colchester, please. http://dx.com/dx Latest wills **Appointments** Latest appointments include: Sir David Nickson to be Chairman of the Atlantic Salmon Trust Lord Moran has been Mr J. A. Corrie to be Chairman of the Scottish Transport Users' Consultative Committee from January 1.

Mr Assand Aithal, of Trinity College, to be President of the Cambridge Union Society for the Lent Term 1989. Mr J. P. J. Roberts-West to be Assistant Secretary of the In-surance Institute of London.

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year:
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vioc-president: Dr J. Syme; trea-

Brigadier John Ormsby Evelyn Vandeleur, of Holyport, Berk-shire, who led 30 Corps at Arnhem, left estate valued at £355,804 net. Sir Christopher Henry Summerhayes, of Limpsfield Chart, Oxted, Surrey, former Ambassador to Nepal, who sent

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composer. Kecklemet, Hun-gary, 1882; Sir John (Jack) Hobbs, Cambridge, 1882; Sir Noel Coward, London, 1899. DEATHS: Richard Bright, physician, London, 1858; Wilhelm Grimm, collector of folk tales, Berlin, 1859; Charles Camille Saint-Saens, Algiers, 1921; Somerset Maugham, Nice,

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Nocure Anor - On December 13th 1988, peaching at home, Leo Francis, after on liness courageously borne. Fortified by the Rites of Holy Catholic Church. Dearly loved, and loving hasband of Joan, devoted father of Ruth. Maurice, Dominic and Clare, and his grandchildren. Requiem mass at St Peter's Roman Catholic Church. Learnington Spe, at 9.00 am on Friday December 16th. Followed by interment to the family grave. to Moston Cemelery. Manchester, at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research of the Treasurer, Mrs E Pinckard, 27 Fieldgate Lane, Kenitworth, Warwickshire C88 18T. All enquires to W.G Rathbone Funeral Directors Ltd, 30 Clarendon Avenue. Learnington Spa. Tel.

MEWELL - On December 14th 1988, Major Dare Newell O.B.E. suddenly at The Queen Elizabeth Military Hostnital Woolwick, aged 72, Much loved husband of Hazel and father of Robin, Nicky and Sustan. The Emeral will take place at St. Mary's Church Walsham-Le-Willows, near Bury St. Edmund's Suifold, at 11am on Wednesday, December 21st 1988. Family flowers only. Donations if

Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Marry's Church Fabric Fund. A Service of Thankspiving for his life will be held in London. in the

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HCHOLLS - On December 13th 1988, peacefully in hospital, Phyllis, beloved sister of Sylvia, Hylda and the late Cyrthia and a much loved Aunt, Funeral service at Randalis Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Wednesday December 21st 61 11am, Funity flowers only. Donation: to the imperial Cancer Research Fund.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE ELTS - in memory of my husband Lt. Col. Frank Betts, December 16th 1985. Always in my heart and thoughts this day and every day, with all my love, Jane. MELLALIEU - Yvonne, aged 18. Our adored and only daughter, tragically taken from us. December 16th 1980.

PEGOT - Charles Antony Piggot M.A., PhD, remembered, a brilliant and gifted young man: Kelvinside Academy, Edinburgh Liniversity. The City of London. PIGGOTT - Dr Charles Antomy Piggott M.A., PhD. Love unchanging, Marjorie, Regionid and Mary-Anne. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE ARTS

For a beautiful lady

was six when he first arrived in Moscow with his family, penniless and with nowhere to stay. His father, Leopold, was a cellist and his mother a pianist; they had spotted that both Mstislav and his sister, Veronica, were musically talented and had brought them to Moscow for the best possible training.
On their first day, Leopold, in

desperation, stopped people in the street and asked for help. Eventually one woman. Zinaida Cherchopova, took pity on them and invited the entire family home to her two room flat. They were to live there for two years, the three members of Zinaida's family in one room and the four Rostropovichs in the other.

"All my life I remember this. She was a beautiful lady." Rostropovich recalls, "very nice eyes."

Zinaida was from Armenia.
Fifty-five years later Rostropovich is in his London flat,
having broken a concert schedule that was to take in Washington, India and Paris. He is to play two concerts: tonight at Westminster Hall and tomorrow at the Barbican, the latter sponsored by The Times, to raise money to help feed, clothe and treat Zinaida's modern compatriots.

His English is wildly idiosyncratic, though frequently dev-astatingly vivid: "absolute idiotism" was how he described one excess of Soviet policy. His voice makes sudden expressive but confusing leaps and dives. Meaning has to be disentangled and then, as a precaution, repeated back to him. If you are right, be responds with happy animation:

"Yes. Eggs-ack-ly!" At 61 he is stout, though rather delicate in his movements - the actress Kathleen Turner has called him one of the five sexiest men in the world - and his almost cartoon-like face seems to have Mstislav Rostropovich plays a benefit for Armenia tomorrow, sponsored by The Times. He tells Bryan Appleyard

that the links go back to childhood

Theatre. Now he is all right, now

Even more crass was the instant rehabilitation of Andrei Tarkov-

sky, Russia's finest film-maker

since Eisenstein, who died in exile.

"When he died, after one hour and

15 minutes a cultural attache called his widow asking her to return to Moscow with his body to

make national funeral for the

people. She would not do it, of

course. But I have one question

about this: why did not this cul-tural attache call one hour and 15

minutes before he died? Not for the people, for Tarkovsky!"

even speaking to them is simple.

"Until now, Russian people think I am a traitor and I am only

in West to make money. Still my name is forbidden. If the Govern-

ment make official explanation to

my countrymen that this is not true, then I am clean, then I speak

"Of course, communism is the problem. But I do not say Russia

must not be communist or any

other 'ist. I just ask that they

confess their lies. At school I

learned of some virus that was half

way between plant and animal. I

think Gorbachov is producing

something that is half-way like

that - not communism. Now in Soviet newspapers you see many articles that criticize; I'm proud of

with these people.

ostropovich himself re-

mains stateless and has no official contact with the Soviets. His con-

dition for returning or

he is great hero."

grown around the large, elastic Russian vowels which he brings to great ceremony at the Bolshoi his version of English. He is prone to giving massive bear hugs.

He left the Soviet Union with his wife - the soprano Galina Vishnevskaya - and two children support of the writer Solzhenitsyn. He had given him a home at his country house for four years and then written a letter to the Press in

his support, at the peak of a national campaign of vilification. Four years later he was stripped of his citizenship, an event that led to a celebrated press conference at which he wept tears of rage that some mere politician could rob him of his bome - "Brezhnev has not power to take me from motherland." But be could classify him as an enemy of the state.

"Before I left I was popular musician in my country. Then in the books it just said about me that I entered some music competitions, but I was stripped of citizenship because I make damage to prestige of Soviet Union. I think nobody do more damage to prestige of Soviet Union than Mr

Of course, communist Russia has made a habit of driving out its greatest talents, so it could have been no surprise that it decided to insult and reject one of the world's greatest musicians.

"When Chaliapin died there was some obituary in Izvestia. It said when he left Soviet Union he did not make anything significant...he was very bad artist. Then, after 34 years, they dig up that, that's free. But I do not know if they ever change what they say about me."

So far, the most that glasnost has given him was the opportunity last year to play a series of concerts with Veronica, who was allowed out as the summits grew more friendly. But Rostropovich believes the Armenian tragedy, horrific as it is, may do more to draw the iron curtain than any number

"It is a great disaster, of course. But all countries are helping and the Soviets are accepting - before, they did not do that. That is first good step because the Soviet people must find in the West are buman beings, not animals.

"Another good side is . . . you know the Hans Christian Andersen story about the naked king the Emperor's New Clothes. Yes. Eggs-ack-ly! The West comes and they see the Soviet Union has no clothes. But that is very positive, because they see how the Soviets are weak and vulnerable. It is better if the West know this."

For Rostropovich and for many others, the Armenian disaster evokes not the Russia of com-munism, bot of melancholy emigré memories. These are small, human narratives like that of Zinaida, the beautiful Armenian. One memory in particular, of life in that cramped Moscow flat, comes back to Rostropovich.

One day a man called on Zinaida, much to the annoyance of her busband Valentin, who sat in a corner in jealous anger. For some reason, Rostropovich re-members, his father went to the piano and played a tango called "Stronger than Death". He leaps to his feet and plays the rather violent piece on the small upright in his flat.

"That's it! Valentin dislike this man. Yes. Eggs-ack-ly! All my life I remember this! And I remember that man's face - I think that's



Devastatingly vivid: Rostropovich has now made his home in London

CONCERTS

keeping

Des canyons aux étoiles . . . Queen Elizabeth Hall

The great trilogy of Messiaen's late large-scale works was completed by a blazing, high-gloss, high-pressure performance of Des can-yons aux étoiles..., with Paul Crossley as the flurrying yet incisive bird-pianist and Esa-Pekka Salonen encouraging the London Sinfonietta towards glory.

It has been a rare and reeling pleasure to hear this work in the near company of its two colossal neighbours. La Transfiguration and Saint François. It has surely also taught us something — not so much about the majestic scale of Messiaen's creative genius, which has long been clear, but rather about the interconnectedness of his world.

To give just one example, the awesome knocking rhythm of the angel in the opera turns out to have its parallel in something Messiaen heard from the mockingbird, and put into the piano solo that is the ninth movement of Des canyons. There must be many other cases of "composed" ideas being in fact transformations of sounds from nature, because for Messiaen the categories are not distinct: the inner and the outer worlds are in perfect conformity, and it is entirely right that birds and angels should sing the same

On Sunday in the same place we heard his most recently performed work, Un vitrail et des oiseaux, written in 1986 and combining in its substance as in its title two of his principal enthusiasms: medieval stained glass, which has its sonorous equivalent in his richly complex but always clear, vibrant chards, and again birds. Lasting just eight minutes, it belongs with the Petites esquisses d'oiseaux of the previous year in what may perhaps become a series of late works marked by utter simplicity.

Here the birds sing in just three different sorts of short chorus, scored for a trio of xylophones with woodblock and cymbal resonances, for an ensemble of 16 woodwind, and for a solo piano with an increasing number of woodwind soloists (two, then four, then six), overlaid in independent tempos as in the great birdsong concert of Saint François, though of course on a reduced scale. The three groups are each heard three times, interleaved with slow fefrains in which a trumpet leads an orchestration for wind and bells of the chorale from the "Communion" of the organ cycle Messe de la Pentecôte.

This is where the stained-glass harmonies are to be found, but they appear too in the blackcap's song for full woodwind, like swirls of colour glimpsed as a wing flicks back in flight. These passages were very beautifully realized in the performance by the Ensemble InterContemporain under Pierre Boulez Yvonne Loriod, inevitably, was the bright and active chief bird in the colour-glazed aviary.

Paul Griffiths

TELEVISION

Even when the blast of war was sounding in their ears, correspondents invariably commented on the extraordinary beauty of Vietnam. The impact of Peter Gill's report on the Boat People for This Week (ITV) was softened by the sight of tranquil paddy-fields and calm seas set with emerald islets along the exquisite northern coastline.

Poverty in such landscapes did Wormwood Scrubs inmate would readily have volunteered to change places with Boat People who had been caught and jailed in Vietnam; they were seen in clean blue uniforms performing physical jerks in the sunshine before

returning to white-walled cells. The most compelling visual representation of horror was the footage shot in Hong Kong, in a derelict factory now used to house Vietnamese refugees. Here they might expect to live for four years while their cases were assessed. They were caged like battery chickens, prey to despair and

disease, in conditions which have been condemned by the United

Peter Gill should perhaps receive an award for seasonal good taste for avoiding the phrase "no room at the inn", although the officials of the overcrowded state of Hong Kong made it clear that this was their view of the situation.

The documentary commented that the flow of refugees from Vietnam has increased dramatically in the past year, and that now those who risked death to leave munities of the North rather than the South. Bad harvests were mentioned, but a convincing explanation for the new exodus was.

Also omitted was the kind of inspiring talk of freedom which an American report would surely have featured. In this repect the programme confirmed that Britain no longer sees itself as a champion of liberty, and that the emigrant fleeing oppression can no longer automatically count on official British sympathy.

Celia Brayfield

Flight to freedom | Happy ending to a British first

OPERA

Christmas Eve Coliseum

David Pountney is not a man to stay in a rut. After treating Hansel and Gretel last year as a fable of childhood deprivation, and turning Traviata earlier this season into one of male piggery, what was going to become of Rimsky-Korsakov's Christmas Evel A story of oppressed peasantry?

Not at all. In this snazzy staging, the Ukrainian rustics are drunken and greedy, the priests are lecherous, the boy wins his girl and the Devil does not by any means get' all the best tunes.

Rimsky's operas have an uncertain place in the repertory here. The Golden Cockerel, his final stage work, is given an occasional and welcome airing. The Snow Maiden, which has a few elements in common with Christmas Eve. was played by the ENO in its distant Sadler's Wells days.



Edmund Barham (left) and Cathryn Pope (right) with John Connell Pountney's production of Christ-

Pantomime wins

mas Eve is reckoned to be the first professional staging here.
The brush strokes of Christmas

Eve, both musical and dramatic, are bold and clear. It is a fantasy of witches, demons and tsarinas which is totally East European in flavour: a work which points in the future direction of Prokofiev's Love for Three Oranges or Janacek's Mr. Broucek. Sue Blane dresses it in equally bold colours, bright reds and midnight blues, and the spirit of Chagall hovers over her Ukrainian town. Or rather, toytown.

The suitor Vakula arrives at the court of the Tsarina to beg a pair of ber slippers, which is the price demanded by the girl he wants to marry. This is the scene that caused Rimsky some trouble with the censor before the first night in St. Petersburg in 1895: members of the imperial family should not be represented on stage. Pountney shows no more of the Tsarina than

a gloved hand, a hem of her dress and two enormous slippers. Anne-Marie Owens (as the Tsarina) booms at Vakula through an offstage megaphone, thereby completing a notable comic double as Vakula's mama, who is also a part-

Edmund Barham, as the busbybearded, red-smocked Vakula, sang like a full-throated Dimitri from Boris, a Mussorgsky joke to match Pountney's Tchaikovsky jokes at the palace. Cathryn Pope properly haughty as Oksana, the girl who has to be pleased, although Rimsky might have given her a stronger aria in the last act. Pope is developing into one of our neatest and securest young sopranos.

The stage is filled with ripe characterizations from old hands, led by Nigel Douglas (The Devil) and Edward Byles (The Priest). All thoroughly tasty, if unsubtle, Christmas fare of the more digestible slavonic variety, whipped into shape by the conductor. Albert Rosen.

John Higgins

Jonathan Cope has an imposing

appearance as the prince and shows an assured strength in his solo. Not much scintillation else-

where in the cast, however, except

for Tracy Brown as the fairy god-

iester. As the Royal Ballet now

goes on to a solid diet of nothing but this and Romeo and Juliet for

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LOVE

DANCE

Once upon a time - well, 40 years

Cinderella Covent Garden

ago this month to be exact — Sadler's Wells Ballet premiered its first specially created three-act production, Ashton's Cinderella. Very few of the dancers performing that work at Covent Garden this Christmas were even born then, and only one of them took part in the original production, Leslie Edwards, now promoted from a walk-on role to playing the heroine's father (which, it must be admitted, is still not much more than a walk-on role, however genially he plays it).

Is he the only member of the cast, I wonder, who can remember when this Cinderella was a mysterious and romantic work, in

strange, subversively beautiful de-

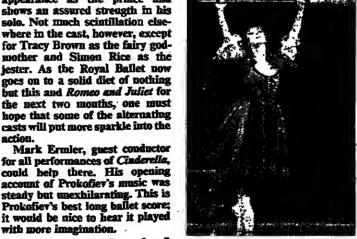
signs by Jean-Denis Malclès? Somewhere along the way, omeone at Covent Garden made the decision to have new designs, looking more like a traditional English panto, and the damage that did was exacerbated last year by a further revision making it look more lavish but also more genteel and more banal.

Somewhere under all that expensive flammery, poor Ashton's wit and poetry lie hidden. Even the slapstick showed through only intermittently at Wednesday's revival by the Royal Ballet, in spite of heavy clowning by Michael Coleman and Derek Rencher as the step-sisters.

There was consolation however, in Figua Chadwick's début as Cinderella. The costume in the kitchen scenes particularly suits her, bringing out a wistful pretti-ness, and she dances with more spirit than we have seen lately, showing a pleasing happiness at the ball. We can assume that later performances will not repeat the way things went temporarily adrift in her balances and turns at the end of the big duet.

the next two months, one must hope that some of the alternating casts will put more sparkle into the Mark Ermler, guest conductor for all performances of Cinderella. could help there. His opening account of Prokofiev's music was steady but unexhilarating. This is Prokofiev's best long ballet score; it would be nice to hear it played

with more imagination.



John Percival Wistfully pretty: Fiona Chadwick

Strong singer lacks polish

ROCK

Rick Astlev Wembley Arena

Rick Astley sang Nat King Cole's "When I Fall In Love" early in the show. Wearing a sober dark suit. white shirt and tie, he began the song seated at the very top of the multi-tiered stage set. As he descended a row of twinkling steps, like a character in a Busby Berkeley movie, so the schmaltz factor spiralled in the opposite direction. The response from the predominantly female crowd was agitated. Primary school tots stood precariously on their seats waving their hands frantically, girls barely in their teens screamed vociferously, while the mums watched indulgently, perhaps recalling earlier experiences at the hands of David Cassidy or similar. It was a peak of excitement which Astley never quite reached again. Within moments of finishing the song he had dashed off to

change into a garish salmon pink jacket, and the stage, which was

dominated by a huge video screen set in the middle, was once again lit up to resemble a giant toy box. The video was the source of

many visual pranks as Astley "stepped in" to the recorded action on the screen and then "reemerged" in the flesh with some souvenir of his exploits. The cheerfully unpreteotious stunts showed a recognition of his audieoce's needs, although the singer's limited ability to handle even such a sympathetic crowd as this betrayed a lack of experience. His attempts at getting a singalong going fell remarkably flat.
While there is much of the boy

bimbo in Astley's image and songs, it would be a mistake to dismiss him as a puppet-like extension of the creative imagination of the Stock/Aitken/Waterman production team. His rich, characterful singing voice was entirely convincing in performance and he sounded mature beyond his years, especially when reaching with effortiess accuracy for notes in the lower register. His eight-piece band and three backing singers performed with elan, lending warmth and charm to the electropop arrangements.

Above all, Astley demonstrated the timeless ability to carry a good tune, irrespective of style. He still has much to learn, but, no matter how quickly his current pop appeal dissipates, that is not a quality which will go out of fashion in the long term.

David Sinclair



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FRIDAY PAGE

'There is a price tag for surviving 5,000 years of history'

The assignment for last Sunday's TV-am was fairly straightforward. 'Choose a couple of the stories in the Sunday papers that you think important," said producer David Higgins as he reeled me in. After eggs and earthquakes, the double-page feature in the Sunday Telegraph headlioed The Jews and Mrs Thatcher" interested me the most. But it posed one problem. Something about it made me feel uneasy. Sitting between David Frost and the Observer's editor, Donald Trelford, I stuttered away on

televisioo unable to pin down the reason. On the surface the article was simply an interesting, gossipy piece of writing listing those lews who are either close advisers of the Prime Minister or members of her cabinet. We karnt that Malcolm Rifkind "regards his religion as supremely irrelevant"; that David Hart "is the son of Boy Hart, a Jewish merchant banker and fromm (pious)", and so on. It was all prefaced by a question that asked whether the large number of Jews surrounding Mrs Thatcher "mean(s) that a peculiarly Jewish flavour can be detected in the affairs of state?". The conclusion was that it could not because Jews come in various degrees of Jewishness and anyway they argue. Fair enough. But was

The problem, it seems to me, begins

with the basic premise of the piece: namely, that Jews are a distinct and separate group who are oot merely separated by their religious faith, as Eoglish Roman Catholics might be, but by their very ethnicity. It doesn't matter if Mrs Edwina Currie chooses not to regard herself as a Jew (as this article informs us) or whether Nigel Lawson has forgotten it, anyone who has the requisite number of Jewish parents or grandparents is labelled and defined by their jewishness - no matter what they do and regardless of their individual choices. It does not matter how long oce has been in the country, practised its customs, even joined its established ehurch; one remains a Jew. This is not anti-Semitism, but it is the first step towards making a lot of people very uncomfortable by giving them a separate identity within their own country and it is profoundly disturbing to many Jews who think of themselves exclusively as

Anti-Semitism, or indeed anti-any thing, comes from looking at certain human characteristics, associating them with a group and expressing them in terms of a group — such as noting in this article that Orthodox Jews are less likely to drink and more likely to commit fraud. Actually, every bit of analysis becomes potentially negative once one is group-thinking, even if the characteristics listed are positive. That is why it is racist to say that blacks have rhythm.

What gives this article its particularly unpleasant flavour is the question it poses after listing the high propor-tion of Jews in Par-liament (19 times their proportion of the population). "Does this constitute a special interest which could be a danger to the realm?" asks author Anthony Blond. For my money, it does not matter whether the answer is

negative (as in this case: "No, because Jews are incapable of acting in concert".) or not. This insidious question is a straw dog. It would not occur to anyone to ask if groups defined by, say, their blondness or Mancunian birth are a threat to the realm - because it is clear that a person's blondness is irrelevant and specious when it comes to this matter. Why would this question have been posed about the Jews unless they are regarded as a separate group whose very separateness

BARBARA AMIEL

"Why was this article written?" I asked lamely on TV-am. My answer should have been that it proceeds either out of stupidity or a cynical desire to cash in on a controversial subject or straight anti-Semitic malevolence. Myself, I think it is a mixture of the first two. It is also possible, I suppose, that there is a vague political motive on the part of the author which by associating Margaret Thatcher with

Icws taps into the latent

streak of British xenophobia. The very fact of identifying people as potential aliens and associating the Prime Minister with them could serve as a political statement.

As to why Mrs Thatcher has so many Jews around her, it speaks, I suppose to the further question of why so many Jewish thinkers and activists are prom-inent in the forefront of any Zeitgeist movement. Historically, Jews seem to have had a great ability to detect what is blowin' in the wind long before other

groups, whether we are speaking of inclined to think it shows little but petty Christianity, the emergence of the meanness and envy. bourgeoisie, the various socialist movements or indeed the current neo-

In one sense, of course, Jews do expect the impossible. It is very difficult to maintain a distinction throughout the ages and at the same time demand that people not notice it. It may be that most of us who are Jewish wish this were of oo greater interest than the town of our birth. But we cannot have our cake and

In spite of our great desire to assimilate we have always had as well, 1 think, a great desire not to. This ambivalence is based not on any lack of profound loyalty but rather on the commonsense instinct that the assimila-tion of a tiny group into the larger one means extinction. There is a price tag for surviving 5,000 years of history.

Towards the end of the TV-am discussion, Donald Trelford observed that "it was brave" of the Sunday Telegraph to do the article. I do not know what one can do or say about an article that manages, for example, to attack Sir Keith Joseph on grounds that he is "a patrician, the second baronet, Harrow and Magdalen, a good war, tall, dark, handsome and rich" except that I am

meanness and envy.

I do understand that there is a nervousness these days when it comes to writing about minority groups. It is true that charges of racism or anti-Semitism get thrown about with reckless abandon, sometimes over anything that irked a person. But while "brave" may be accurate in describing the will to publish something controversial, it is a meaningless word when trying to determine the intellectual or moral merit of what it said. To use the word "brave" ia this context, though, does tell us something: it is a subconscious acknowledgement that the article would scare, hurt or irritate a number of people precisely because of the terms in which they were evaluated.

But in the final analysis all one can do - and should do - about such articles is live with them. Freedom includes the right to hald silly opinions and, as far as I am concerned, the right to hold and voice anti-Semitic ones provided their owners do not intend to translate them into murderous or exclusionary activities. There is no straight line leading from the assumptions behind this article to Birkenhau. They may lead to less enthusiasm for our kind at White's or Boodles, but that is a price we can willingly pay.



1948: Queen Mary holds her great-grandson

Taking to water

than 10 years since I went to a christening. The congregation consisted almost entirely of family and friends (most of whom fell into the "batch, match and dispatch" category of churchgoers) and after the god-parents had duly re-nounced the carnal desires of the flesh on behalf of the infant, everyone went to the parents' home to celebrate in the traditional manner with a slice of christening cake and a

glass of champagne. Last month Emma Sara Davies, aged five months, was christened at St Mary's church in Worplesdon, Surrey - along with nine other infants. Each christening party sat in its own section of the church and parents, god-parents and babies were called to the font

in rotation. Although Emma's nearest and dearest also returned home to celebrate, there have clearly been changes beyond the substitution of the Alter-

call the conveyor belt ap-proach, the number of infants Indeed, who being christened has been within the Church of England, - 65 per cent of live births. By 1986 the oumber had dropped to 188,000 (30 per cent).

Today, many parents, even christened as children, see no reasoo to have their babies baptized. As Lesley Abbott, an accountant from London, says: "If I have to fill in forms then I put down C of E. But

Will Princess Beatrice's baptism be no more than empty tradition?

I'm not sure whether I still believe, and neither my husband nor I go to church. My daughter, who is six, goes to a church school where she is being taught about Christianity. If she wants to be baptized when she is old enough to make her own decision, then that will be up to her."

Carole Carter, who lives in Hertfordshire and has two children aged two and four, admits that one of the reasons she wanted a christening was for the rest of the family. "It think have some kind of was a matter of form. I do superstitious element". Under believe it is important for canon law, he says, parish-every child to feel he or she ioners can insist oo baptism every child to feel he or she belongs to a religion."

The Church itself is only too aware of the mixed motives of many parents, but few clerics are quite so ootspoken as the rector who told Carole that far less exercise, most people too many christenings were change their tone." "an excuse for oon-believers native Service for that in the Book of Common Prayer.

Despite what some clergy champagne and have a piece

declining for some time. In unable to swear that be be-1900 there were 564,000 in-fant baptisms carried out refused to go ahead. So Carole was forced to shop hastily around for a more accommodating clergyman. She found one. "He was lovely," she says. "We explained what those who were themselves had happened and he told us that even if my husband couldn't look God in the face because he wasn't sure if he

believed in Him, it didn't

mean our son couldn't be accepted into the Church."

of England clergy vary enormously. In some parishes, time comes. parents will be asked to attend church for a number of weeks, or go to meetings in the evenings to discuss baptism. They may find their own faith

under scrutiny - or the question might not even arise. At Christ Church in North Finchley, London, the curate, Andrew Pavlibeyi, objects to people "using the church for certain rituals which they think have some kind of but usually when I go

through the service with them and explain that unless parents are firm in their own faith it would be a pretty meaning-

he Rev Stephen Terry, vicar of St John the Apostle in Whetstone, a Indeed, when Carole's bus-band Iohn admitted he felt parish, believes it is not his business to judge the parents. "Why should we penalize the baby for the delinquency of the parents? If there is even a faint spark of recognition of a God who loves us, then we should work on that spark."

Officially, vicars are encouraged to hold christenings in the middle of an ordinary Sunday morning service but some may be happy to hold a special service on a Sunday afternoon, either for one family or several at a time.

actually some debate as to whether infants should be christened at all. It is not just wishy-washy one-time C of E parents who think that the children should make their own promises if and when the

And on practical grounds there seem to be few advantages to a christening. The current view appears to be that no unbaptized child would be refused entry to the Kingdom of Heaven oo those grounds alone.

Anyone living in any parish can insist on being huried in the churchyard (if there is room), baptized or not, and even getting married in church may be possible. Some vicars require both parties to have been baptized, although it is only necessary for one of the two, and some vicars will delicately desist from asking to see any proof.

You cannot, however, take communioo because for this yoo oeed to be confirmed. And you cannot be confirmed unless you are baptized first. In view of all this, it is not surprising that the oumbers of older children and adults being baptized is rising - in 1980 they totalled 40,000, in 1986 they reached 45,000.

Even so, there are many who do not want to see the christening tradition vanish. Gerry Evans admits she is not a regular churchgoer but she has had all four of her children christened. She says: "I felt it was the right thing to do." Or as Stephen Terry says: "It leaves the door ajar. It makes it easier for a child to walk through later."

Lee Rodwell



1982: the Princess of Wales with Prince William

How to cope with the expense of being wealthy

A larming news. Apparently the rich are not getting richer, after all. The cost of a £100,000-a-year lifestyle is actually inflating faster than the national average expenditure: the things rich people buy are rising in price much faster than the things poor people huy.

It is all proved in a pains-taking survey made for Harpers & Queen in its January issue by former senior government statistician Owen Nankivell, and written hy David Hume. Whereas the ordinary Retail Prices Index is based on a household with £178 a week to spend, the Harpers Index is based on £1,923 a week. The average household spends £28 a week on food, £8 on alcoholic drink, £13 on clothes and shoes, £25 on taxis and cars; the Harpers household spends £135, £96, £173 and £243 a week respec-

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The Harpers household, which is feeling the pinch so badly, has a large house in Chelsea and an old rectory io Somerset. It takes two holidays a year - one skiing and one in a French villa - and has children at Eton, St Mary's Ascot, and the Dragon School io Oxford. It has a daily cleaner and a live-in au pair who irons, and helps look after the youngest boy io the hols". The family wears designer clothes, and runs three cars, including a VW Golf for the an pair. And what with Glyndebourne, charity balls and weekly haircuts at the Cadogan club, this family, Hume says, "might well be living beyond its means, even on £100,000 a year — which may explain why the rich

Spare a thought for the poor rich this Christmas. A Harpers & Queen survey discovers that more money buys less

it is a shocking fact that grouse shooting has gone up by 20 per cent and champagne consumption by II per cent in

Mr Hume, in putting his finger on this misery, is clearly the General William Booth of our times. One must not mock. Of course, one could have our pick a few holes in his scenario: anyone hright enough to earn £100,000 a year ought to be able to devise a cheaper way of getting the ironing done than by equipping a sullen teenage Swede with her own room, telephone and car while all the children spend 75 per cent of the year at overflowing with seasonal goodwill to all men, even ones few comfortably situated friends, I can offer the follow-

ing tips on living within your Harpers income: The best thing to do would be the richest person in a middling area than the poorest in a rich area. Take your little daughter's pony: on a £200 fell peers mightily in one area, yet be eyed with contempt 20 miles further down the M4 because it is oot a £5,000 show pony. Equally, a slight move down-market in terms of area makes domestic help much but a woman in a tany 1892

Oxfordshire comprehensive developing any distressing

f you will not move, then perhaps you could con-sider adopting a fashionahle, even Thatcherite. "Green" political profile. This would enable you to downboarding-school. But it is grade all the cars so that you and stay with her unfortunate Christmas, and I for one am use less petrol, and lead-free to family for a change? boot; a few choice speeches about the waste of fossil fuels in Porsches. With the help of a at dinner parties would also avoided. Work very, very enable you to turn down the central heating without disgrace. If you could manage to combine this Green awareness with a certain fogevish Vicbe to move. It is far cheaper to toria-and-Albert-Museum arty personal style, you could give up buying all those tiresome new clothes from Harvey Nichols and conpony she could impress her centrate on 1920s flea-market rags, which are still much system, not only can men with

nightdress can often upstage a friend dressed entirely from South Molton Street

Holidays are obviously a

re money buys less problem. The gloomy fact is that this Harpers household seems to be deeply unimaginative—if I had the money to often appear very tightfisted". After all, despite our
alleged single-figure inflation
brags loudly to her old neighgo to Cannes, I would use it to
brags loudly to her old neighgo to China, and if I could
afford Verbier. I would switch the iniquitous £4.50 an hour, the char only wants £1.50, and besides, "I can get away with giving her really, really cheap powdered coffee". On the other hand, her children—who were at a verv who were at a very smart effort of imagination and cut corners. Instead of going skihave oow been shipped off to ing at vast expense, why not boarding-school to avoid announce loudly that skiing has become rather common (it has) and go to Scotland to be scared out of your wits by John Ridgway's adventure school, instead? All the healthy fresh air, at a fifth of the price. And instead of the villa at Cannes, why not look up your last an pair but three,

As for the crippling costs of charity balls, they can easily be hard on the committee (disguising the fact that you never actually buy a ticket); then on the day itself, stage a massive collapse from exhaustion and avoid the cost of the dress and the £20 tombola. Nobody will dare censure you; they will all send you sympathy and flowers in your company-BUPA nursing home. If there are enough cheaper. Thanks to an ancient flowers, you could even get the quirk of the English class an pair to mp downstains with the best ones and re-sell them

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Strickland as Scrooge in David Holman's adaptation for children and for

grown-ups. The Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (01-928 6363) Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Sat: 2 perfs daily at 10.30am and either 2pm or 7pm. Grown-ups £7.50; children and concessions £3.75. (D)

* HUMPTY DUMPTY: New theatre opens with Bobby Crush in the old tale written and directed by Gerald Moon.

MERiald Theatre. Sliver Street Milifield Theatre, Sirver Street, Edmonton N18 (01-807 6680), Opens tonight 7.30pm, Then Mon-Sat 2.30pm and 7.30pm, £4-£5.75. Until Jan 21.

A MRS KLEIN: Transfer from NT of At MRS KLERN Transfer from NT of Nichotas Wright a engrossing play about parentage and childhood, as found in the home life of Melanle Klein. Superb performences by Gillian Barge, Zoe Wanamaker. Francesca Annis.

Apolio Theetre, Shaftesbury Ave W1 (01-457 2563). Tube Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10.10pm. Mats Sat 4.30-8.40pm. £5-£14.50.

* ORPHEUS DESCENDING: Opening Production of the Peter Hall Compar Vanessa Redgrave, Julie Covington, Jean Marc Barr in superb revival of Tennesses Williams first play. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus, Mon-Sat 7.30pm; mats Thurs 2.30pm and Set n. £4-£15. Late night performance on Dec 29 for Armenian earthquake fund, 11.30pm,

☆ STUNICFOOT: Utterly muddled but tuneful musical by Vivian Stanshall, late leader of the Borzo Dog Band: characters Include Big Polly the budgeriger and a parity cooked strimp. Bloomsbury Theatra, Gordon Street, WC1 (01-387 9629). Tube: Euston SQuare/Warren Street. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, £6.

LONG RUNNERS: & Beyond Ressonable Doubt: Queen's Theatre Theatre (01-434 0909) The Mousetrap: St Martin's Theatre (01-836

OUT OF TOWN

CROYDON: * Roister Doister: Vince Forhall religs the old comedy for Christmas: braggarts and brawlers meet their just deserts. Werehouse Theatre, Dingwall Road (01-680 4060), Tues-Sat 8pm, mat Sun 5pm,

MANCHESTER: * The Adventures of Huckleberry Flam: Musical version by Roger Halmes with Paul Ryan as the first boy-hero to smoke a pipe. Library Theatre, St Peter's Square (061 236 7 1 10), Mon-Set 2 30pm, Fri and Set eves 7pm. 95, child 92

LEICESTER: A The Bells: Str Henry Irving's old bone-chiller rings again.
Haymarket Stadio Theatre, Belgrave
Gate (0535 530021). Mon-Thurs 7.45pm,
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FILMS

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AU REVOIR, LES ENFANTS (PG): Louis Malle's moving, semi-autobiographical drama, set in a provincial boarding school in the last months of the Second World War. Gasperd Manesse heads the young, non-professional cast (107 min). Curzon Maytair (01-499 3737). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.20, 8.50.

III BIG (PG): Ton Henks plays the child turned grown-up in this latest role-reversal cornedy from Hollywood. Penny Marshall directs (105 min).
Cannon Chelsee (01-352 5096). Progs 1.45, 4.40, 7.10, 9.30.
Odeon High St Kensington (01-802 6644). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.

BIRD (15): Clint Eastwood's impressively mounted biography of Charlie Parker with Forest Whitaker. the legendary jazz saxophonist (161

min). 22 Satophonist (101 min). 22 Lumiere (01-836 0691). Progs 1.25, 4.35, 7.55, 11.15. 24 Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636). Progs 1.40, 5.15, 8.45. Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366). Progs 3.30, 7.45, 11.15.

M A FISH CALLED WANDA (15): The adventures of two scheming Americans (Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Kline), an uptight English barrister (John Cleese) and an animal rights fanatic (Michael Palin), who owns e fish called Wanda. Script by John Cleese. Directed by Ealing veteran Chartes Crichton (109 min) min). Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636).

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Shaw to end in tears



tormented by love but relactant to show it until nearly too late. This play and her dazzling Kate in Jonathan Miller's production of The Shrew have both been part of the current Barbican season. Writing of Electra, Robert Graves maintained she was a pawn in the patrilinear attack on mother-rule. Be that as it may, the role wades thigh-deep in incestnous hints and thigh-deep in incestions mais and tragic rage. Electra, The Pit, Barbicas Centre, EC2 (01-638 8891), previews 7.30pm. Opens December 20, 7pm. £6.50-£8.50. Jeremy Kingston

8851/8608). Progs 1.00, 3.25, 5.55, 8.25. 22 Plaza (01-200 0200). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40, 11.15. Gete Notting Hill (01-727 4043). Progs 2.05, 4.10, 6.30, 9.00, 11.15. Screen on Baker St (01-935 2772). Progs 4.05, 6.40, 8.40.

E GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM (15):
Robin Williams in a military comedy about a DJ sent to Vietnam to keep up the morele of the troops. Directed by Barry Levinson (121 min).

2 Warner West End (01-439 0791).
Progs 12.45, 3.20, 5.55, 8.30, 11.15.

HIGH SPIRITS (15): Spirited supernatural comedy from director Nell Jordan, with Peter O'Toole as the owner of a cost of the first of the f

MIDNIGHT RUN (15): Engaging comedy-thriller, with Robert de Niro as a bounty hunter given the job of taking a sensitive ball-jumping accountant cross-country. With Charles Grodin; directed by Martin Brest (126 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.05, 9.15.
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SCROOGED (PG): Seasonal comedy featuring Bill Murray as the TV executive determined to exploit Christmas to the full. Directed by Richard Donner (101

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Cannon Shaffeebury Ave (01-836 8861).
Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT (PG): Energetic mixture of cartoons and ree life, Ace animation director, Richard Williams supplies a france array of "toon" characters, headed by Roger Rebbit. Bob Hoskins plays the dishevelled gumshoe, Eddle Vallant (104

min). Odeon Leicester Sq (01-930 6111). Progs 10.15, 12.45, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50, 11.45.

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Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40. Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 7.00, 8.55, 11.15.

WILLOW (PG): Costly medieval fantasy from George Lucas, about an evil queen's reign of terror and an earnest midget's mission to save the infant queen's reign of terror and an earnest midget's mission to save the infant princess. Directed by Ron Howard: with Val Klimer, Joanne Whalley, Warwick Davis (126 min).

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EVENING

☆ MORE MESSIAEN: Gillian Weir continues her recitals devoted to Messiaen's organ works with his Messe de Pentecote, Diptyque — Essai sur la Vie Terrestre et l'Eternite Blen-heureuse and Apparition de l'Eglise Eternelle. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 5.55-6.55pm, £4.50.

* RUSSIAN EVENING: The Scottish National Orchestra is conducted by National Orchestra is conducted by Matthias Barnert in Prokofier's Pater and the Wolf, Rimsky-Korsakov's Czar Sultan Suite and Tchaikovsky's Swan er Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031-228 1155, cc 031-228 5756),

CONCERT FOR ARMENIA: Mstislay Rostropovich gives a special performance of Bach Suites in eld of the Armenia earthquake fund. Central Hall, Wastminster W1 (into: 01-638 8891/01-240 7200), 8pm, £12.50.

previewing at the Pit brings together two leading female talents of the Royal Shakespeare Com-

pany: Deborah Warner, director of King John at Stratford and Titus

Andronicus, returning for one last

week at the Pit in the New Year; and Fions Shaw (left) who plays

Sophocles' murderously mother-

hating heroine. Shaw's recent

theatre work has been exclusively

for the RSC: Celia in As You Like

It and a gaunt despairing Tatyana in Philistines were followed by

Bestrice and Portis in touring

productions. Last year at Stratford

she recreated the role of Mistress

Carol in Hyde Park, a woman

★ NATWEST PLEASURE: In the NatWest Classics for Pleasure series Carl Davis conducts the LPO in Bech's Suite No 3, Act 4 of Swan Lake by Tchallowsky, Franck's Swandwale Tchaikovsky, Franck's Symphonic Variations (hunko Kobayshi, piano) and Poulenc'a *Prince Igor* by Borodin, carols for audience and orchestra, etc. Barbican Centre, 7.45-9.45pm, £4-£14.

* BROS: Those Goss twins and the

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other one; bright as shiry little buttor Brighton Centre, Kings Road (0273 202881) 7.30pm, 28.50. ☆ THE PROCLAIMERS: Rock's most

prominent pair of identical Scottish Nationalist twins, heartened no doubt by the result of the Goven by-election. Berrowlands, 244 Gallowgate, Glasgow (041 552 4601) 7.30pm, £6.

★ CHRIS REA: Retiring, gruff-voiced guitarist from Middlesborough. A master of mood and musical texture. Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 7.30pm, £10.50-£11.50, also Sun, Mon and Wed.

JAZZ

ALAN BARNES: With guitarist Dave TALAN BANKES: Will globarat cave Cliff in the line-up, the alto player's quinter excels at hard bop with a twist of Coleman Hawkins. West End Centre, Queen's Road, Aldershot (0252 21158) 8pm, 25.50.

☆ TOMMY SMITH: Back in town again, the Berklee-trained tenorist — only 21 — appears with his quartet.
Watermans Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford (01-847 5651) 10.30pm, 25. A LOL COXHILL/BRUCE TURNER: AT. improbable combination of the avent-garde soprano player and the ex-Humph reedsman. Vortex Jazz Bar, 139 Stoke Newington Church Street, London N16 (01-254 6516) 8.30pm, £2.

th AIDA: Philip Prowse designs and directs for Opera North's powerful production; Clive Timms products, and the cast is led by Janice Cairns, Sally

Burgess and John Treleaven, Grand Theetre, Leeds, (0532 459351). 7.15-10.45pm, £4.80-£22.50.

→ IOLANTHE: Keith Warner's handsome and withy G and S production for Scottish Opera dominates the festive season in Glasgow.

Theatre Royal, Glasgow. (041 331 1234), 7.15-10.10pm, £3-£23.

DANCE

* CINOERELLA: Ashton's production for the Royal Ballet. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1966) 7.30-10.30pm, £1-£37.

☆ THE SNOW QUEEN: Bintley's adaptation of Hans Andersen's story, for Sadier's Wells Royal Bailet, Sedier's Wells Theatre, Rosebary Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916) 7,30-10,20pm, 23,50-29,50.

GALLERIES

MADEL FINE STRINGBERG: On Fridays this gallery's artist-in-residence opens her studio to the public from 12-3:30pm. The National Gallery, Trafaigar Square, London WC2 (01-859 3321), Mon-Sat (0am-5pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until

MDCD SHOW: Works by 12 artists including John McLean, John Hoyland and Shella Girling.
Francis Graham-Dhon Gallery, 17 Great Sutton Street, London EC1 (01-250 1962), Tues-Sun 11am-Spm, free, until Jan 15.

E H SHEPARD (1879-1975): Paintings and drawings by the illustrator of Winnle the Poots.
Sally Hunter Fise Art, 2 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (01-235 0934), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, free, until Dec 18. 100 YEARS OF ART IN BRITAIN: The centeriary of the gallery is celebrated with works representing each year of its

existence. Leeds City Art Gallery, The Headrow, Leeds (0532 482495), Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Jan 15.

WALKS

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GHOSTS, GHOULS AND HAUNTED TAVERNS: meet St Paul's tube, 7pm, £3 (01-987 4281). A CITY IN THE BLITZ - CHURCHILL'S

WAR ROOMS: meet Westminster tube, 2.30pm, £3 (01-668 4019).



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OTHER EVENTS

1988 OLYMPIA INTERNATIONAL SHOWLIMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS: Spectacular annual demonstrations of equestrian skills of the highest with a equestrian skills of the highest order, and performance introduced with a display by the Household Cavairy. Many performances sold out but worth ringing the box office for returns.

The Grand Hall, Olympia, London, W14 (box office 01-373 8141). Today until December 19, matiness and evening performances. Tickets £5-£18.

GLASGOW'S GREAT EXHIBITIONS:

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The Building Centre, Store St. London, WC1 (01-637 1022). Until Jan 5, Mon-Fri 9.30am-5. 15pm. Free. PROJECT KOREA: THE BRITISH SOLDIER IN KOREA 1950-53: Opening

tomorrow, an exhibition about the Korean war in which nearly 1,000 British soldiers died. An opportunity to learn about the British Army in its first major conflict since World War II through a. consect since worst of an art of the consect since worst worst are in the consect wide range of thems, equipment, weapons and personal accounts, National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Chebaea, London, SW3 (01-730 0717). Until April 16. Mon-Sal 10em-5.30pm, Sun 2pm-5.30pm, Free. LINCOLN CHRISTMAS MARKET: Many

staffholders selling all sorts of food, crafts and gifts. Period dress, carol singers, choirs, bends and refreshments.

Ballgate and Castle Square, Lincoln.
Today 6-9.30pm, tomorrow, Sun noon-9.30pm. Free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

SEMELE: Royal Opera House production in English by Charles Mackernas, with Yvonne Kenny in title role. Dec 22-Jan 3. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066/1911).

BOULEZ AT THE BARBICAN: Major retrospective of Boulez's work in seven concerts, three conducted by the composer, talks, open rehearasts, and exhibition. Part of "Images de France" festival. Jan 15-19.

Barbican, Siik St, London EC2 (01-638

CANTON OPERA: British premiers of CANTON OPERA: Extra premiers of Chinese Opera company, as part of London's Chinese New Year celebrations to welcome the Year of the Snake. Programme includes Southern double fron dance never before seen in England. Feb 21-March 4.

Sadier's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London ECI (01-278 8915).

LAST CHANCE

ENGLISH CATHEDRALS: Drawings of 26 medieval cathedrats of England by Dennis Craffield, who travelled over 10,000 miles by caravan to draw them. Ends Sun at Sheffield before continuing Arts Council tour. Graves Art Gallery, Sheffield (0742 734781).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rocks David Sinclair, Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries; David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carsiaw; Other Events; Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

CAROL SERVICES Our guide to carol services, published on Monday, contained some inaccuracies. The correct details are as follows:

St Paul's Cathedral; the service on December 21 is at 5pm not 6,30pm. Beverley Minatur; the service on December 16 is at 6,30pm, not 3,30pm, and its a carol service not a performance of Bach's Christmas Oratorio, There is a united service of nine lessons and carols on Lincoln Cathedral: the carol service is on December 18, not December 19, at 2.15pm. There is also a service on December 24 at

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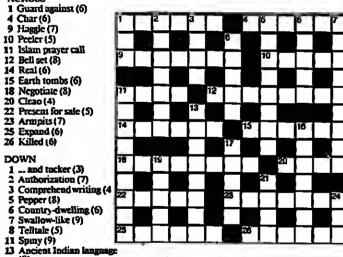
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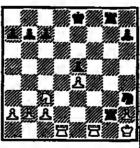
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WORD-WATCHING

MR SOWERBERRY
(c) The undertaker to whom
Oliver Twist is apprenticed
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after being thrushed for fighting with another apprentice,
Noah Claypole.
MR CHADBAND (b) The Rev Mr Chadle hypocritical clergyman who is drawn into the Smallweeds' scheme for blackmailing Deelock in Bleak House. Marries Mrs Rachael: "A

large yellow man, with a fat smile, and a general appear-ance of laving a good deal of train oil in his system." MR NAMBY
(b) Sheriff's officer who are (b) Sterial's officer who ar-rests Pickwick in execution of the judgement in Burdell and Pickwick: "A man of about forty, with black hair, and carefully combed whiskers."

WINNING MOVE By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is taken from the game between Cochrane (White) and Staunton (White) and Statistics (Black) played in London 1842. Black plays and wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's Times.

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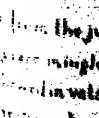
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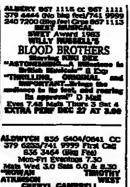
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neither Laurence Olivier oor

Tyrone Power, though this is 1938. We know it is 1938 because people talk about Hitler and Chamberlain and

the coming war. There are two

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you when a few backs are 9.30pm) follows the tour of turned." The biggest surprise about this roistering piece is that it was produced by Margaret Fink, hitherto best-known for the suhtle and attempt to explore Irish his-

leisurely-paced cinema film tory and politics through art.

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10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold. Quiz saries (r).
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Five to Eleven. Tim Pigott-Smith with a reading 11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air with Mavis Nicholson and Susan Rae 12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Magazine series presented by Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers. 12.35 Regional news and weather 1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather 1.30 Neighbours. Jim wonders who is the mystery man in Beverty's

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6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines,

weather, traver and sports bulletins
6.35 Leon Errol in *Uninvited Blonde*(b/w). 6.55 Weather
7.00 Breakfast Time with Sally Jones and John Stapleton. Includes national and international severe at 7.00.7.3

Includes national and international news at 7.09, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25; regional news and travel reports at 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27, 8.55 Regional news and weather followed by Open Air. Susan Rae receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television offerings 9.20 Kilroy! Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on the pight of families whose breadwinners are in gaol

weather, travel and sports

9.00 Ceefax 1.25 Pie in the Sky (r). 1.40 Class of 81 (r). 1.46 The First Noels. Part five rest Noess. Part tive —
regional earols (r).

2.00 News and weather followed by
Sport on Friday introduced by
David Icke. Includes Show
Jumping from Olympia; and Golf:
a review of the European
Women's tour. News and weather
at 3.00 and 3.50

4.00 Catchword with Paul Coia 4.30
Favourite Things. Phil Drabble talks to Roy Plomley about the things that give him most pleasure (r). 5.00 Handmade. Crafts series

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pseudonym to get her own
back on her pompous father.
Directed by Peter Rogers
7.25 Jerry Wald and His Orchestra
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5.00 Newsround 5.05 Record Breakers. In this last of the series juggler Albert Lucas attempts a world first. 5.35 Neighbours (r). 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harrey

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Michael Crawford, the cast of

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Michael Crawford, the cast of Bread, Michael Jackson's manager Frank Dileo and Insh singer Erya.

7.40 Blankety Blank. Joining Les Dawson torlight are Stan Boardman, Jean Boht, John Craven, Peter Goodwright, Almi MacDonald and Jane Marie Osborne. (Ceefax)

8.15 Twenty-One Years of the Two Ronnies. More clips from the enduringly fruitful comic partnership of Messrs Barker and Corbett (r). (Ceefax)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather

9.30 Film: Cry for the Strangers (1982) starring Patrick Duffy, Cindy Pickett and Brian Keith. A made-for-television tale of the

Cindy Pickett and Brian Keith.

A made-for-television tale of the supernatural about s psychiatrist who meets a former patient whose change of personality leads the psychiatrist to think he may know something about a series of strange deaths that have occured in the area. Directed by Peter Medek. (Ceefax)

11.00 International Show Jumping from the Grand Hall, Olympia, featuring the Cognac Courvoisier Napoleon Stakes

12.10cm Film: The City of the Dead (1960, b/w) starring Christopher Lee, Patricia Jessel and Valentine Dyall. Horror story about witchcraft in a small Massechusetts town where a woman burnt at the stake 250 years ago now runs the local Intel Intel the Internation.

years ago now runs the local hotel, luring the unwary into becoming sacrificial victims. becoming sacrificial victir Directed by John Moxey, 1.25 Weather.

8.00 The Friday Report: Rising
Concern. Controversial flood
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Rampage. (see Choice)
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and Donald MacCormick
11.15 The Late Show with Clive
James. The social and moral
implications of Aids for our
society are discussed by film
director Derek Jamman,
speaking publicly for the first time
about his experience of being
HIV positive; Margaret Jay; and
Michael Neve
12.00 Weather

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6.00 TV-em begins with News and The Morning Programme introduced by Richard Keys; 7.00 News followed by Good Morning Britzin presented by Mike Morris and Kathryn Holloway; 8.00 News; 0.00 News and After Nine which includes Russell Grant's hornspones.

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10.40 This Morning. Today's edition of the magazine series includes an item on dancing for all age groups; and Jan Leeming examining popular crafts. With national news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55

12.10 Rainbow. Educational puppet series (†). 12.30 Santa Barbara.

1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville 1.20 Thames news and weather

1.30 Jee Brown's East End. The entertainer retraces his roots. He

1.30 Joe Brown's East End. The entertainer retraces his roots. He visits a farm on the Isle of Dogs; patrols with the River Police; and discusses the polluted state of the Thames
2.00 The Bill Omnibus edition (r).
2.55 Home Cookery Club.
Turkey, Ham and Walnut Bake
3.00 What's My Line? Joining
Angela Rippon this afternoon are Jity Cooper, Gary Lovint, Hitary O'Neil and Garth Crooks
3.25 Thames news and weather 3.30 Sons and Daughters.
4.60 Crush a Grape with Stu Francis and guest, Rolf Harris 4.30
Scooby Doo (r). 4.45
Freetime. Andi Peters meets talented young musicians;

talented young musicians; there is a review of Michael Jackson's new film, Moonwalker; and news of a family being hooked on the children's hobby.

5.15 Blockbusters. General 5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Hotness
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart
6.00 LWT News
6.15 Friday New presented by Pam Royle
7.00 Family Fortunes. The Coopers from Hinckley, Leicestershire, meet the O'Dwyer family from Waitham Cross, Essex, in this week's edition of the game

Waitham Cross, Essex, in this week's edition of the game show. Presented by Les Dennis?

7.30 A Kind of Living, Domestic comedy series starring Richard Griffiths, Frances de la Tour and Tim Healy. This week Brian doesn't see eye-to-eye with his girifriend. With Denise Weich.

8.00 Beauty and the Beast. Cathy and Vincent heve reached the point in their lives when they have to assess if they would be happy building a life together. Starring Linda Hamilton and Ron Perlman

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10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Carol Barnes 10.30 LWT News and weather

10.35 The London Programme.

Travor Philips reports on council tenants who intend to turn the Housing Act on its head

11.06 Film: Xenadu (1980) starring Olivia Newton-John. Gene Kelly and Michael Beck. A fantasy musical about the daughter of a god who arrives on this planet to help a collection of earthlings to realize their dreams. Directed by Robert Greenwald

1.00am Night Network includes an interview with Iggy Pop; Beatles cartoons; a review of the Press's handling of the week's music news; a Barman adventure; and All Jack talking to Kenry Everett on the subject of community radio

4.00 Besebell '88. Los Angeles Dodgers v Oakland Athletics

5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00.

CHANNEL 4

12.00 The Parliament Programme
12.30 Business Deliy. Financial and business news service
1.00 Sesame Street.
2.00 Generations. Detta O'Cathain talks about her childhood (r).
2.30 Film: Jolson Sings Again (1949) starring Lerry Parks. A musical biopic about the later stages of the entertainer a career. Directed by Henry Levin.
4.15 Film: So You Want to Hold Your Wife (1947, h/w) starring George O'Hanlon as a harassed husband who decides to

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(Oracle) 6.00 Facrie Tale Theatre: The 5.00 Faene Tale Theatre: The Emperor's New Clothes starring Alan Arkin and Art Carney
7.09 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Anne Perkins. Weather
7.55 Book Choice. Drew Smith reviews Andrew Barr's Wine Snobbery. (Oracle)

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YORKSHIRE As London

8.60 Running the Games. A
documentary about the work of
the International Olympic
Committee during the course of
the Games in Seoul
8.00 The Golden Girts. Awardwinning comedy series. (Oracle)
9.30 A Heuseful of Plants. Indoor
gardening. (Oracle)
16.00 Whose Line is it Amyway? This
final programme of the ad lib
comedy show is a complation
of clips from the series that never
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10.30 The Last Resort. Jonathan
Ross's guests include Malcolm
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11.20 Tennis: The Davis Cup Final.
The opening singles in the match
between Sweden and West
Germany in Gothenburg

12.20am Film: The Beast With Five
Fingers (1946, b/w) starring Peter
Lorre as a man being followed
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from a dead pianist. Directed
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 When jazz saxophonist Charlie "Bird" Parker died in 1955, that same breed of American who was to invest Elvis Presley with immortality 22 years later scrawled a slogan over the walls and subways of New York City proclaiming that, contrary to what the burial certificate might say, Parker was still on earth, not under it. No such

TELEVISION

CHOICE

An Australian mini-series

co-produced with our own Central Television, Edens

Lost (ITV, 9.00pm, conclud-

ing tomorrow) has terrific

scenery and is packed with incident. We open at a funeral,

where 17-year-old Angus is mourning the demise of his guardian. He has already lost

his mother, crushed to death

at a cricket match when a stand collapses. This was dou-

hly bad luck as she did not

even like cricket. But Angus

has oo time to grieve. Barely a

minute into the drama he bumps into the elegant, mid-

dle-aged Eve, who invites him

to stay at the family botel in the Blue Mountains. In true,

mini-series style, young Angus

walks into a household of

RADIO CHOICE

problems. Eve's husband is a My Brilliant Career. No one

judge who has gone bonkers could call Edens Lost subtle

nonsense underlies Charles (Radio 3, 6.30pm), even though it is that same 1955 slogan that provides Fox with his title, Bird Lives. What Fox is saying is what Clint Eastwood, too, was saying implicitly in Bird, his screen biography of Parker: that, so long as there are recordings and legend mongers, the spirit and influence of performers

like Charlie Parker are guar-

anteed post-mortem perma-

nence. Fox has another five

programmes, in which to

his music live on (R3, 6.30pm)

prove to us that he will be doing full justice both to Parker's artistry and highly dramatic life, so we must not be too critical of the somewhat scrappy nature of tonight's first instalment. There are, however, enough mouthwatering snatches from interviews with jazz greats like Gil Evans, Dizzy Gillespie and Jay McShann, and enough bars from numbers like "Mohawk" (Parker partnered by

LW (long wave) (a) Stereo on VHF

9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue

Lawley's guest is actor Charles Dance (s) (r) i Feedback: Chris Dunkle talks to Brian Redhead,

tants to brigh Hodhead, presenter of the *Today* programme, and Jenny Abramsky, editor of BBC's news and current affairs, about bias in the BBC's

news and current affairs programmes. Last in the

Assignment
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10.20 Morning Story: Riding
School by Joyce Herbert.
Read by Maria Aithen
10.48 Daily Service (a)
11.00 News; Analysis: Eastward
Ho. Stuart Simon assesses
the implications for
Germany's western affec of
Chancellor Kohl's recent
visit to Moscow (f)

visit to Moscow (r)

11.47 Treasure Islands: Penelope
Lively introduces this edition
of the children's book
programme which examines
poetry for children — both in

books and in perform With Jilf Burridge 12.00 News; You and Yours:

Consumer news and advice 12.25 The Food Programme with Derek Cooper takes a Derek Cooper takes philosophical look at

1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.56

gluttony and reviews the sparkling wine now being produced in places such as India, Kent and Sussex 12.55 Weather

retired world leader in child health care; s visit to Europe's only museum of social work; an investigatio into whether Glasgow is a particularly good place for working women; and an interview with the Alexande Stars, two alternative comediennes who are

cornectiennes who are appearing in a modern pantomima

10.00 News; international

5.55 Shipping Forecast 6.09 News Briefing; We

Friends" (Parker's favourite) and "Four Brothers" (with the Woody Herman Band) to indicate how wide-ranging Fox's tribute to "Bird" is likely to be. The ubiquitous Master of

Peter Waymark

Rea plays Hugo O'Neill, Earl

of Tyrooe and the last great Gaelic chieftan, who led Ire-

land in the Nioe Years War

against Elizabeth I. Making

History is a production of

creative artists, including Friel, Rea and the poets Tom

Paulin and Seamus Heaoey. It

is the only arts company to be

fuoded from both sides of the

border. History Boys on the Rampage, Andrew Eatoo's film for Arena (BBC2, 9.30pm) follows the tour of

Ceremonies in Paul Claudel's Le Soulier de satin (Radio 3. 7.30pm) tells us that the bits of the play we do not understand are the best. Presumably, he means the symbolic bits for which Claudel is noted. There are considerably fewer puzzle-Charlie Parker: his spirit and ments in tonight's version (by Jeffrey Wainwright) than because the running time has been stashed from nine bours to one-and-a-half. But two of the remaining mysteries are how oo earth this vast fresco about a 17th-century love affair between separated and reunited lovers was ever squeezed under a proscenium arch, and why Emily Richard, John Shrapnel's leading lady tonight, is nowhere in the Radio Times credits.

Peter Davalle

Mélange avec du bon cognac ct élevé en fûts de chêne.



Made from the juice of the Ugny Blanc grape mingled with fine cognac and mellowed in vats of Limousin Oak, this refreshment was previously only available in the ancient province of Saintonge. It is now lodged at the better wine merchants of Britain Dequistez donc!

Pineau des Chavenies + Appollation Contrôlée.

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6.30 am until 8.30 pm, then at
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5.30 Newsbeat 5.45 Singled
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4.00 mm Steve Madden 5.30
Chris Stuart 7.30 Derek Jameson
9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy
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Gloria Humshord 3.30 Adrian
Love 5.05 John Dunn 7.00
Memories of You 7.30 Friday
Night is Music Night 9.45 Neil
Richardson at the plano 9.00
Nigel Ogden with the Organist
Entertains 10.00 The Golden
Years with Alan Keith 10.30 Years with Alan Keith 10-20 Smiling Through 11.00 Peter Dickson presents Nighticap 1.00am Alan Dedicoat presents Nightide 2.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

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7.00 News 7.09 24 Hours followed by Financial News 7.30 The Reith Lectures 8.00 News 8.05 Words of Faith 8.15 Music Now 8.45 Images of British 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News and Sports Roundup 9.45 Seven Seas 11.00 News Summary 10.01 Focus on Faith 10.30 Best on Record 11.00 News 1.135 News about Britain 11.15 Profile 11.30 Londres Midl 12.00 Newsreel 12.15 The Reith Lectures 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 24 Hours and Financial News 1.30 John Peel 2.00 Outlook, opening with News 2.45 Nature New 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 Music New 3.45 Images of Britain 4.00 News 4.00 News 5.00 News 5.09 Commentary 5.15 English by Radio 6.45 Londres Soir 8.30 Heuse Akuset 7.09 Programmes in German 8.00 News 8.09 Commentary 5.15 English by Radio 6.45 Londres Soir 8.30 Heuse Akuset 7.09 Programmes in German 8.00 News 8.09 Commentary 5.15 English by Radio 6.45 Londres Soir 8.30 Heuse Akuset 7.09 Programmes in German 8.00 News 1.00 News

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6.55 Weather, followed by News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Boyce (Symphony No 5 in D: English Concert under Trevor Pinnock, harpsichord); Bach (Concerto in C for two hamsishonds: Epolish harpsichords: English Concert under Pinnock with Kenneth Gilbert)

7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Reethoven (Romance No Beethoven (Romance No 1 in G: St Paul CO under Pinchas Zukerman, violin); Ravel (Introduction and Allegro: Allegri String Quartet with Marisa Robles, harp, Christopher Hyde-Smith, flute, Thea King, clarinet); Mozart (Partol

clarinet); Mozart (Partiol Parto, ma tu ben mio — La clemenza di Tito: ECO under Raymond Leppard with Janet Baker, mezzo-soprano, and Thea King, clarinet); Kodaly (Suite from Hary Janos: LPO under Kigaus Tennstedt)

8.30 Naws

8.35 Composers of the Week: Korngold, Rozsa and Steiner. Stainer (Suite from Lost Patrol: RKO Orchestra under the composer; and Lost Patrol: RKO Orchestra under the composer; and Dark Victory: Warner Orchestra under the composer); Komgold (Gnomes — Fairy Pictures Op 3: Antonin Kubalek, plano; and See Hawlc. London Festival Orchestra under Stanley Black); Rozsa (Violin Concerto: Dalias SO under Watter Hendl, with Jascha Heifetz, violin; and Lost Weekend: RPO under the composer)

A French Connection:

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9.30 A French Connection:
Rameau (Minuels 1 and 2,
Les Triolets, and Les
sauvages: Trevor Prinnock,
harpsichord); Michel
Corrette (Concerto Comique
No 25 in G minor: Musica
Antiqua Kön); Bizzet (Ta
Deum: Suisse Romande
Chorus and Orchestra
under Lopez-Cobos): Chorus and Orchestra under Lopez-Cobos);
Debussy (Images — Book Two: Peter Donohoe, piano); Mozart (Concerto for flute and harp in C major: Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood); Poulenc (Florimage à Edith Piaf: Pascal Rogé, plano); Stravinsky (Three movements from Petrushicz Peter Donohoe, plano)

12.00 George Lloyd: The composer conducts the composer conducts the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra in Overture to John Socman; November Journeys; and Symphony No 6

1.00 News
1.05 Chamber Music from
Manchester: Lindsay String
Quartet perform Haydn's
Quartet in G minor Op 74
No 3; and Schumenn's
Quartet in A Op 41 No 3
2.00 Saar Radio Symphony
Orchestra 50th Anniversary
Concert: Saar Radio SO
under Myung-Whun Chung,
Trier Cathedral Choir, Trier
Bach Chorus and Klaus
Fischbach Madrigal Chorus,
with Helen Donath
(soprano), Cornella Wulkopf
(contralio), Eberhard
Buchner (tenor) and
Manfred Schenk (bass) give
the first performance of
Lachenmann's Staub; and
Beethoven a Symphony No
9 in D minor (Choral)
3.30 Rubinstein on Record:
Graham Sheffled introduces
the seventh of 12
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the saventh of 12 programmes featuring the recorded legacy of the great planist. Bach's Toccata Adagio and Fugue in C (arr Busoni); Mozan's Rondo in A minor (K 511); Franck's Violin Sonata (with Jascha Helfetz, violin); Prokofiev's 12 Visions fugitives (Op 22); and Bach'a Chaconne (arr Busoni)

and Bach'a Chaconne (err Buson)

5.09 A Century of English String Music: Britten (Prelude and Fugue for 18-part string orchestra: ECO under the composer, 1943). Topett (Fanhasia Concertante on a Theme of Corelli: Bath Festival Orchestra under the composer with Yehudi composer with Yehudi Menuhin, violin, Robert Masters, violin, and Derek Simpson, cello, 1953) 5.30 Mainly for Pleasure: Peter Paul Nash with a selection of music 6.30 Bird Lives (see Choice)

7.30 Bird Lives (see Cricics)
7.30 News
7.35 Third Ear: The painter
Rodrigo Moynihan reflects
on his career
7.30 French Drama of the 20th
Cantury: Le Soulier de satin
by Paul Claudel (see
Choice)
9.65 Music from the Flames: As
nart of the London Music from the Flames: As part of the London Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, directed by Richard Hickox and conducted by Mistelay Rostropovich perform Shostakovich's Symphony No 3 in E flat (The First of May) and Symphony No 11 and Symphony No 13 and Symphony No 11 and Symphony N

May) and Symphony No 11 in G minor (The Year 1905). Includes 9.35 interval reading
11.00 Composers of the Week: J
S Bach: Kantor, Kapelmelster and Organist (r)
12.00 News 12.05 Closedown

Monk and Gillespie), "Just Partie Padlo 4 3.00 News; God's Revolution; Episode 11 of a 12-part series about Oliver Cromwell by Don Taylor. With Bernard Hepton in the title role (s) 4.00 News 6.00 News Briefing; Weather
6.10 Farming Today 6.25
Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today incl 6.30, 7.00,
7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News
6.53, 7.85 Weather 8.35
Yesterday in Parliament
8.57 Weather

4.00 News 4.05 Ali in the Mind: Professor 4.03 Ali in the Mind: Professor
Anthony Clare's magazine
about matters psychological
this week focuses on the
subject of stress (s) (r)
4.30 Kaieldoscope (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial

Report
6.30 Going Places: Clive Jacobs
and the team with travel and
transport news 7.00 News
7.00 The Archers: Wedding bels
ring for David and Ruth
7.20 Pick of the Week: Margaret
Howard with highlights of
the past week's television

the past week's television and radio programmes (s).

8.20 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Urchfont, Wiltshire, by penellists Ludovic Kennedy, Jim Sillars MP Andrew Neil, editor of the Sunday Times and Barbara Castle MEP

9.05 Stop Press: Michael Elliott reviews the week's newspapers and talks to some of the people behind the headlines

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9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke

9.45 Kaledoscope: Frank Clarke, writer of the films Letter to Brezhnev and The Fruit Machine, takes Paul Alien on a tour of his home city, Liverpool, and shows him how the working class are fighting for their voice

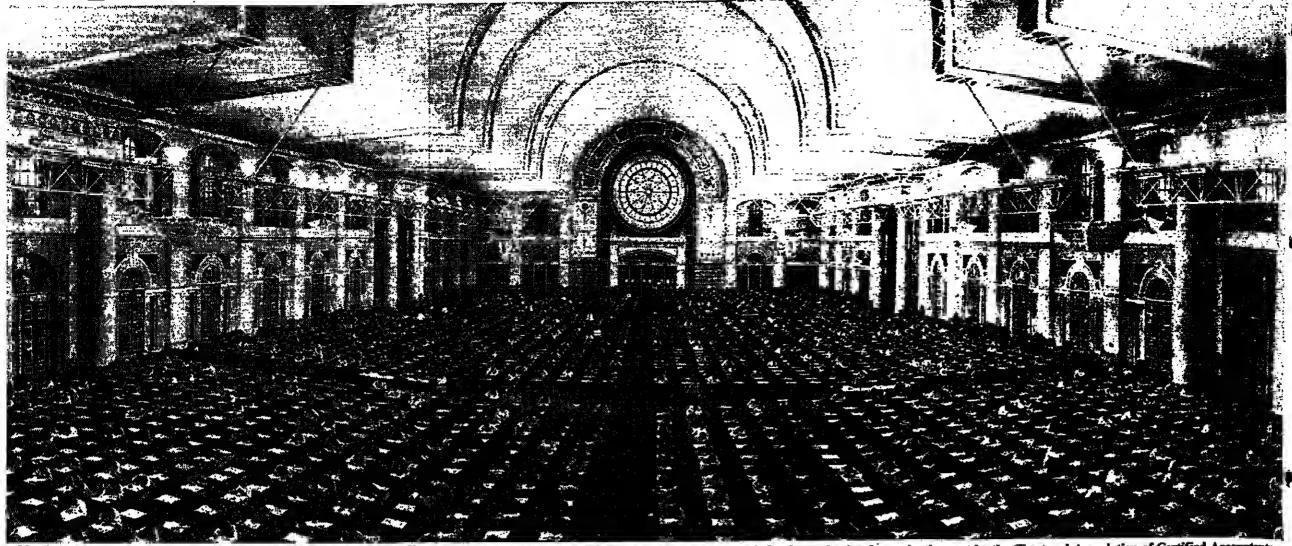
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Last of three Teles from the Outback by Heary Lawson. The Loaded Dog. Read by Denis Lill 10.29 Weather

10.30 The World Tonight: National and international news, background, analysis and comment

11.00 Today in Parliament
11.15 The Financial World
Tonight: Market trends and
international business news
11.35 Week Ending: Satirical
review of the week's news
presented by Sally Grace,
David Tate, Bill Walls and
Royce Mills (s)
12.00 News, Incl 12.20 Weather
12.33 Shipping Forecast
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A palatial setting for 3,000 aspiring accountants



ted by the surroundings of Alexandra Palace in north London yesterday as they sit for the professional examinations set by the Chartered Association of Certified Acce

Egg producer to sue Currie for damages was too little to repair the tinue to press for millions of only in exceptional circum-

Continued from page 1 the United Kingdom Egg Producers' Association.

Under consideration are proposals for the Government to restore equilibrium by "huyiog in" surplus eggs.

Before the recent scare began Britoos were eating 30 million eggs a day; demand has fallen by betweeo 50 and

Also under discussioo is the industry's call for the vol-untary culling of flocks infected with the salmonella bacteria, with sums paid to the producers for each bird lost.

Ministers are privately calling for her dismissal and in his letter Mr Biffen criticizes both Mrs Currie and Mrs Thatcher over the fact that no apology has been made over her

If no apology has been made and none required the situatioo points to the uncomfortable conclusion that apology is Government. "Such an attitude, " he writes, "fosters the cancer of arrogance."

Io the Commons Mr Neil The legal action against Mrs
Currie came as the anger said the £500,000 being speot among Conservative MPs and oo the advertising campaign

damage to the egg industry and too much to speed to save the face of Mrs Currie.

Mr Macgregor, who has spent much of the past week in Brussels at European Commu-nity meetings, has discussed with his colleagues the measures they have taken to control saimooella.

The minister's overriding aim is to control the spread of the bacterie, advise the con-sumer against avoiding infec-tion and restore confidence to

Industry leaders feel that the Government's campaign will do oo mnre than contain the damage. They will con-

pouods in compensation for stances, such as an outbreak of farmers whose businesses have been devastated.

The limited slaughtering facilities at packing stations, normally used for hens which have outlived their laying period, are stretched to Officials of Rentokil, the

pest cootrol firm, are to meet the National Farmers' Union, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the British Veterinay Association today to discuss ways of dealing with the ruptices and thousands of problem.

Gassing with hydrogen cya-nide is oormally permitted Parliament, page 12

Political sketch

Matter of mistaken identity appears to be on the cards don't believe. For they fail to realize that

t is now plain that the Government has national identity cards. You will not read that, of course, io the parliamentary report oo other pages of this newspaper, for reporters write down what is said. But sketchwriters can report what is meant.

What the Home Secretary said on Thursday to Labour's Alistair Darling - was that the Government, oot yet coovinced of the case for identity cards, had requested a view from the police. Answering Andrew MacKay (Conservative, Berks E) he agreed that some people had suggested a voluntary scheme.

But what did he mean? Well, the police of course, oow support identity cards. The Government's new Police and Criminal Evidence Act makes street-corner questioning of suspects a procedural tightrope which oo young constable - and few law professors - could possibly walk. "Could I have your ID for a moment, Sir, just to ruo it through our computer?" is the obvious solution. So, after the mevitable thumbs-up from the police, there will be a voluntary scheme.

It will sooo become apparent that voluntary schemes fail to embrace the very types whose IDs we'd most like to check. At about this point the Home Office will come clean. They may need to wait for a terrorist bombing. To IRA". It is only a matter of time.

It is probably too late to resist, yet there is just the slimmest chance that the thing can be stopped. But do Labour have the necessary sense of self-sacrifice? Can they swallow pride in exchange for a real prize?

You see, only if the Labour Party supports identity cards, will those Tories who are oow

wavering, dare to admit their doubts. The Labour Left has for years held one great lever over the Tories. Yet there is little sign that it understands how deeply Conservatives

oced Labour, to define for them what they

Conservatives share oo coherent political philosophy, save a gut-hatred of socialism and a determination to oppose whatever it is that socialists try to achieve. This explains why the Tories are still in a rage against socialist ideology despite every indication that socialism poses no possible further threat. They oeed it desperately. They cannot admit that it is dead. For it ideotifies - for them - what they are: they are not socialists, you see.

That is why their anti-EEC movement (a secret majority) has never taken off: because Labour are anti-EEC. That is why farmers, and Ulstermen, enjoy socialist levels of subsidy: because the Left don't like farmers, or Ulstermen. That is why Enoch Powell was never able to detach the Party from the independent ouclear deterrent. Imagine a Britain where the NFU had amalgamated with the NUM. Tooy Benn champiooed Ulster's cause, and Ken Livingstone wanted the British Bomb. I can hear the Tory ladies chanting "Troops out!" already. So Mr Hattersley's duty is plain, though he

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may never be honoured for it: a major speech: Clear socialist commitment to a Social Identity Card . . . obvious advantages . . . one simple PIN number, photo-pass and magnetic strip . . . interlinking of computers with Social Security, VAT and Inland Revenue. the banks ... no more multiple-applications for shares ... no more evading of National Insurance by employers . . . simple to bring back exchange-control over foreign currency transactions ... in fact, all transactions ..."
All in all: "A potent yet civilized way for the State to place the firm hand of civic responsibility upon the shoulder of each and every citizen!" I can just see the darkening faces of the Tory backbenches, as Mr Hattersley splutters ooward. Go for it, Roy!

Matthew Partis

HIGHEST & LOWEST

YESTERDAY

ny: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 19C est day mex: Humetenton, Nortolk, 6C hest rainfalt: Cape Wrath, Northam 9.04in; highest sunshine: Guernary.

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New drug in cancer fight

enzyme pro-drug therapy - mustard. and will be dooe in two stages.

of a special purpose monoclonal antibody, which is coupled to a very unusual catalyst professor, aged 67, and a that is a microhial enzyme woman suffering from cancer called carboxypeptidase G2.

The enzyme is made by a process perfected hy the Centre for Applied Microhiological Research, at Porton Down, Wiltshire. The cancerseeking antibody is used as a vehicle to deliver the enzyme to the tumour. Later, the inert could see have been de-

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The new treatment from Charing Cross is known by the acrooym Adept — which stands for antibody-directed stands for antibody-directed continued from the cancer cells, the pro-drug is acrooym Adept — which stands for antibody-directed killing agent, benzoic acid they were also optimistic that is very great."

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with two substances, but at 24 entists at the Nobel-prize effects in the first patients hours apart. The first consists winning MRC Laboratory of were far superior to the results Molecular Biology, Cambridge, said that a retired nf the white blood cells were oow out of hospital.

Dr Mike Clarke, of Cambridge University, said: "We have got these patients ioto

"We are not saying it is a cure, but all the cancer cells we

in future to treat many other and will be dooe in two stages. The other advance, re-disorders apart from leukae-Patients will be iojected ported in the Lancet by sci-mia. The scientists said: "The of previous chemotherapy and radiotherapy (X-rays)." The new humanized magic

bullets, or antibodies, called Campath, helped the patients' own immune system to recognize and destroy cancer

Their dangerously low resistance to ordinary infections was also boosted by the treatmeot at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

792 trains ignored red light, BR report says

Cootinged from page 1 trend of Spads" but revealed that independent reports by Derby Research and the Royal Holloway College have been commissioned to establish "what is going wrong". The report, by Mr Maurice alter the three-notch system to

Holmes, British Rail's director of safety, was presented to the Railway Industry Advisory Committee, in September. Mr Holmes is chairman of British Rail's internal inquiry

into the Clapham disaster which is expected to end today. The report categorizes Spads into cases involving misjudgement, misreading or disregard" and adds that the major contribution to the

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further causes". Union officials want the board to drop discipline charges against drivers who

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British Rail has plans

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Only limited stocks of the

gas are kept in reserve. Rentokil said that the extent

of the demand for the firm's

services would oot be known

Mr Stephen Vincent, chair-

man of the British Poultry

Government's publicity cam-

paign, but said it alone would

not save hundreds of bank-

until today.

The disciplinary action taken against drivers can be a warning, a downgrading leading to reduction in pay, or

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,854

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the anguage jungle. Which of the ossible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

a. A stationer and librarian b. The usher at Dotheboys Hall

VOT THE DICKENS

MORTIMER KNAG

c. A crooked financies

MR SOWERBERRY

MR CHADBAND

MR NAMBY

b. Enemy of Edwin Drood

a. A Kentish hop-grower
b. A hypocritical elergyman
c. A shady friend of Magwitch

a. Best friend of Mr Mardstone

Solution to Puzzle No 17,853

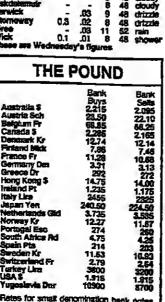
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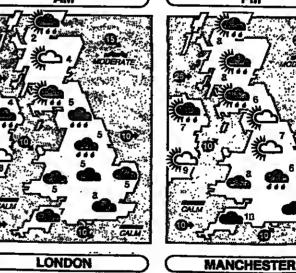
b. A Sheriff's officer c. Amy Dorrit's lawyer

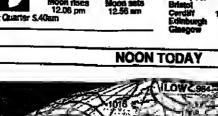
Answers on page 20

Early cloud and rain over WEATHER central and eastern Scotland and the Borders clearing southwards. Cooler, showery weather spreading from northern Scotland with snow over mountains. Southern England dry, with bright intervals after early fog. A little rain after dark. Outlook: chilly with night frost. Wet, windy in far north; sun, showers in the south.



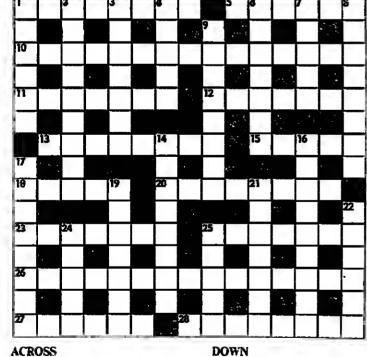








Information supplied by Met Office



1 Railway expert allowed to form

S Conditional backing by a second firm results in failure (6).

10 Drama of Shaw's brief holiday in home by river (10.5). 11 Road or rail carrier offers

through passage (7). 12 Lilae is nn good in an Asian republic (7).

13 Flag for vessel crossing river (8). 15 ln Scotland, a drink originally

offered in a poet (5). 18 Spooky Eastern Lake (5).

20 Clubman freely ran riot around centre of Newcastle (8).

23 A traveller isn't commonly emplayed to improve the decora-

25 Team leader in a bad mood? The devil be is! (7).

26 Possibly Fairfax's main part in a

27 Making an effort like the 1st Baron Jeffreys (6).

28 Full complement of vigour (8).

I Remain nn hold, and mind your Welsh take rising over flower of

translucent whiteness (9). Directions so accepted make us show eagerness (7).

4 Sort of bird to repent going top-Fashionable woman with sex appeal has to succeed (7).

Nurse holding raise up to scorn 8 Speculator looking after connections in the exchange? (8).
9 Language of a huly man seen

about in Sark, perhaps (8). 14 Unite, say, with the enemy living near the sea (8).

16 Alarming, when a bird swallows half of it! (9). 17 Worn out mine uphnlds the law

almost to the end (8). 19 Omission in pronouncement made by priest an mountain (7),

21 Search in anger when posh decoration is hidden (7). 22 Bishnp managed church nffice, though not the main one (6).

Fish for Bess's man? (5). 25 The principle of evicting people from a rented flat? (5).

Concise Crossword, page 20

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Executive Editor **David Brewerton**

Kleinwort sheds 35 staff

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Bnt, stressing that there is a two-way flow, the company says that it is continuing to

City Diary, page 25 **Hanson sale**

Hanson Industries, Hanson's US arm, has sold Kidde Consultants to KCI Hnidings, an investment group formed by its management team, for \$18.3 million (£10 million) in cash and notes. Kidde made pre-tax profits of \$2.1 million in the year to end-September. **GUS** move

Great Universal Stores is to hold an extraordinary general meeting on January 6 tn seek approval of proposals to repay the B and C preference shares and in gain approval to purchase up to 14.9 per cent of the A or non-vnting shares. Last September GUS C shareholders blocked an attempt to win permission to buy in the near-15 stake of A shares.

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 Market news on Stockwatch vesterday included: Enterprise (02546) up 19p on speculation of a bid from Arco: Local London (02856) gained 22p on speculation that Brent Walker would self its stake; Charter Consolidated added 15p on comment on their figures

Mus renewed bid hopes; steels. GM Firth (02360) moved up 4p on interims and Arthur Lee (02676) gained 10 on

Recent additions in-Clude: Banco Bilbao 07248; Hoesch 07249;

RWE 07250. Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds

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New role for rock as Bardon acquires full listing Jobless figures



Looking to the future: Peter Tom, chairman of Bardon Group, the Leicestershire quarry-owner which has left the Over-the-Counter market with a price of 168p, bound for a full Exchange listing. Bardon's profits of £700,000 11 years ago grew to £8.4 million in the half-year to September 30. Tempus, page 24

SAS opens routes battle in Britain

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

airline which lost the battle for British Caledonian, has taken a 25 per cent stake in Airlines of Britain, owners of British Midland, and plans a series of new long haul routes to compete with British Airways.

The operation should be in place within five years with passengers being "fed" into Heathrow, Glasgow or Man-chester from SAS's European network and linked to a worldwide chain of airlines.

no official obstacles to it. includes Manx Airlines, Log-

SAS, the Scandinavian seven directors of Airlines of the next few years develop Britain and will subscribe a with them a series of interfurther £16.7 million as new capital to finance future expansion plans.

Mr Bishop had been looking for a partner in his airline venture - set up 10 years ago when he and three friends bought out the existing British Midland for £2.5 million — for more than two years.

After rejecting the idea of floating the company on the stock market or of attracting investment from the City, he finally drew up a shortlist of four airlines of which SAS was The £25 million deal has considered the most suitable. received formal approval Talks began in earnest last from the Civil Aviation Au- July. "One of the best kept thority and both airlines are secrets in the aviation busi-convinced that there will be ness," said Mr Bishop.

Mr Jan Carlzon, president Mr Michael Bishop, chair-man of the group — which also includes Manx Airlines, Log-"We now fly 800,000 people a anair and London City Air-ways - will personally receive dinavia and until oow have about £4 million in cash for been actively discouraging selling shares in the private them from switching to Britcompany to SAS but will still ish Airways for any ooward have a £60 million interest flights they may wish to make and remain as chairman. SAS from Heathrow, Manchester is paying a total of £8.3 or Glasgow. Now we shall million for nearly five millioo actively encourage them to ordinary shares held by the use British Midland and over

continental services out of Heathrow to compete with British Airways."

The deal is part of a longterm strategy by SAS to develop links with airlines around the world. Already it has taken an interest in Thai International for Southeast Asia, Varig in South America, All Nippon in Tokyo, Texas Air in the US and is close to a deal with Aerolinas Argen-

Only by developing such international links would an airline be able to survive in



quired through Mills Acqui-

sition Company, an off-bal-ance sheet outfit, will be

brought on to Maxwell Com-

munications Corporation's

balance sheet next year. The

timing is important since Mr

Maxwell wants to avoid earn-

the future, said Mr Carlzon, and its sheer size would then create "critical mass" enabling it to deal with airline manufacturers, fuel companies and other suppliers as a single unit

and force down prices. A working party of top executives has now been set up by the two airlines to work out details of exactly how far they can merge their operations. It is envisaged that timetables will be co-ordinated so that services will dovetail, sales and marketing costs will be shared, ground handling undertaken by one single unit, fuel purchasing centralized; engineering costs shared and even catering brought under one umbrella.

Mr Bishop said:"The economics of scale which can be achieved by linking together are enormous. We can save anything up to 20 per cent on aircraft purchases because we will simply be tacking a few aircraft on to the end of a really big order and that gives us the leverage to keep down costs. Until now we have always fought shy of entering the intercontinental market because our name was not known outside Europe."

fall as earnings growth eases

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

lowest since April 1981. The people seeking work." jobless total is falling by an average of 40,000 a month and is on course to drop below 2 million next year.

reduction in the rate of growth

of average earnings. Earnings growth in the 12 months to October was an underlying 9 per cent, down from 9.25 per cent in September and the first reduction since January 1987. Department of Employment officials cautioned that

the figures did not indicate a lower level of pay settlements. The main cause of the reduction was lower pay rises this year for teachers and local authority manual workers.

"I don't get much comfort from these figures," said Mr Bill Martin, economist at UBS-Phillips & Drew. "We are sull heading for 10 per cent average earnings growth next year because of high private sector pay settlements. Unit labour costs in the 12

months to October were up by 1.4 per cent, compared with a 0.3 per cent fall in the 12 months to September, despite the earnings slowdown. Analysts believe the earn-

ings figures, in line with the retail sales data published this week, ease the pressure for further base rate increases, but do not rule out another rise in the event of sterling weakness.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Employment, welcomed the latest un-

Unemployment fell by 49,300 said. "There is no doubt that to 2,108,600 last month, its 1988 has been a good year for

The seasonally adjusted unrite seasonally adjusted tinemployment total, which now excludes all claimants under the age of 18, is falling by about 40,000 a month on average earnings. Earnings of a Youth Training Scheme place to all those under 18 and the removal of entitlement to unemployment benefits have had the effect of reducing the total jobless count by 80,000-90,000, mainly in the Septem-

ber and October figures. These and other changes in the figures have had a signifi-cant effect over time. Historical figures from the Department of Employment show that, had the current method of collection and calculation been in use in the 1970s, unemployment would have been only 700,000 at the time of the Mr Edward Heath's 1972 U-turn, and slightly more than I million at the 1979 election.

The unemployment rate last month was 7.5 per cent of the workforce, down from 7.7 per cent on October. On the old basis of calculation, the unemployment rate would have

been more than 10 per cent. Even so, the latest figures serve to confirm the buoyancy of the economy. The raw unemployment total, not seasonally adjusted, fell by 51,918 to 2,066,944 last month.

Overtime working in manufacturing in October rose to its highest since December 1979, employment figures. "It is the averaging 15 millinn hours n 28th month in succession that unemployment has fallen," he week, up from 13.49 million in September.

DTI expects 10% rise in investment

By Our Economics Correspondent

partment of Trade and Industry's investment intentions survey, published yesterday.

1985 prices) in the quarter.

The survey suggests induscharges of £13.2 million. 'try is confident about a con-Delays in Sea King delivtinuing growth in output, and eries played a significant part has not yet been affected by the first nine months of £9.24 in the higher interest charge of £7.8 million against £1.2 the sharp rise in interest rates billion, over £700 million days on earlier estimates

Earnings per share before crease investment by 11 per execeptional items were 17.3p cent.But figures from the DTI against 17.9p last time. Taking showed manufacturing invest-ment slipped back in the third account of exceptional charges, earnings per share were up from 4.9p to 6.6p. quarter. Investment, including leased assets, dropped by The final dividend is un-4 per cent to £2.79 billion (in

Interest

rise hits

Westland

profits

By John Bell City Editor

Westland, the Yeovil-based

helicopter group, turned in

full-year profits of £30.6 mil-

lion, compared with £34.4 million last time, after a sharp

rise in interest charges,
But Sir John Cuckney,
chairman, reported an im-

proved order book last year

and record operating profits of

£38.4 million.Sir John, who

hands over to Sir Leslie Fletcher in February, said

actions neccesary to ensure a

successful future had been

A further provision of £25 million was made against the

tronblesome Sea King export cootract signed in 1983, before

reconstruction. This was the

largest element in exceptional

changed at 2,25p making 3.5p, the same as in 1987.

Industrial investment will rise ments figures showed the curby 10 per cent in real terms rent account deficit in the first next year, according to the De- nine months of the year was smaller than estimated, but last year's deficit was larger. The deficit for the third

quarter was revised down by £559 million to £3.57 billion, giving a cumulative deficit for Manufacturers expect to in-

But officials gave warning that the revisions were largely due to changes in the timing of payments to the European Community, which will unwind on the fourth quarter.

The Bundesbank raised its Lombard Rate from 5 to 5.5 per cent, completing a round Detailed balance of pay- of European rate increases.

£69m plan for buyout at Ryan

Ryan International, the in-dependent coal producer whose £90 million merger talks with Carless Capel were aborted in October, has re-ceived a management buyout proposal at 140p a share cash. valuing Ryan at £69.6 million

The offer is made via Digger plc, a specially formed company, and is "first and final," Ryan is to publish a 1988 profits forecast but says carnings are below expectations.

The management group

says Ryan needs substantial capital investment and suggests that because of the volatility of coal-related activities, short- to medium-term performance may not match expectations. Digger has rights over 13.8 per cent of Ryan's

Macmillan asset disposal 'complete'

By Wolfgang Münchau

house, yesterday reported the completion of his Macmillan asset disposal programme.

He plans to sell three more divisions, including Katherine Gibbs Schools, Macmillan's technical schools and Gumps, the antique and oriental art merchandizing group. The disposals were expected, par-ticularly that of Katherine Gibbs, the finishing school.

per cent of Ryan's specialists and rival bidders Maxwell want Tempes, page 24 for Macmillan. Earlier this ings dilution.

Mr Robert Maxwell, who last week Mr Maxwell announced month paid \$2.6 billinn for the sale of the Michie tax Macmillan, the US publishing codes division to Mead Data Central. Yesterday's announcement suggests that Mr Maxwell-

plans to retain Berlitz Language Centers, a worldwide chain of 240 language schools, contrary to predictions. Publishing analysts remain sceptical and believe further disposals, including Berlitz, are possible. Macmillan, ac-

Previously Mr Maxwell sold two direct-marketing opera-tions and two controlled-circulatinn publications to Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the New York leveraged buy-out

Franchise offer by Berry

Blue Arrow would be "happy to buy back" any of the Manpower franchises which disgruntled owners may wish to sell, Mr Tony Berry, the chairman, said in London.

After the resignation last week of Mr Mitchell Fromstein, founder of Manpower, representatives of about 160 franchise owners passed a vote of no confidence in the management. Blue Arrow acquired Manpower last vear after a bitter takeover

Mr Berry said Blue Arrow "would be delighted to take on the franchises". "We have taken back quite

a number over the past few months," he said.

High Court hears arguments over Plessey injunction

GEC-Siemens bid 'could be destroyed'

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Plessey, the electronics company, weot to the High Court yesterday to begin a new phase in its battle against the £1.7 billion hostile bid from General Electric Company and West Germany's Siemens - and brought a warning from counsel for GEC and Siemens that the joint bid could be destroyed.

The case continues today and an appeal is being regarded as inevitable, whichever way the High Court judgment goes. The Appeal Court hearing is likely to take place on Tuesday.

Plessey is seeking an injunction preventing GEC and Siemens from proceeding with their bid until it has been vetted by the European Commission in Brussels. For Plessey, Mr Christopher Bathurst QC told Mr Justice Morritt that the company wanted GEC and Siemens to "hold the line" until

But Mr Ionathan Sumption QC, for GEC and Siemens, said Plessey's application was really an attempt by the existing management to deprive its own shareholders of the right to choose whether to accept the offer by ensuring that it could not even be put to them. It was not an application for an injunction to preserve the status quo, although it had been presented as such.

Mr Sumption said that if the injunction continued for "weeks rather than days" it would be likely to force the abandonment of the bid because of inability to comply with Takeover Panel deadlines. Under the Takeover Code abandonment of the present bid would preclude the making of a further bid for 12 months, unless a release was granted

by the Panel. But Mr Bathurst maintained that the effect of an injunction oo GEC and Siemens would be a short delay in the launch of their bid, while the effect on Plessey of the making of the bid, subject to an unlawful agreement, would be irreversible and for all time."

Plessey claims the agreement between GEC and Siemens would distort competition, as the two companies are competitors in the European market. The correct course for GEC and Siemens would have been to assemble all the data required by the European Commission. adapt their proposal if necessary and then decide whether or not to go ahead, Mr Bathurst said.

Mr Sumption said GEC and Siemens proposals were not "a sinister conspiracy" to destroy competition, but an attempt to create an association of independent companies on a European level to face up to competition from North America and Japan.

If the British courts find for GEC and Siemens it is a possibility that the Commission might under its "interim measures" powers halt the bid from proceeding further until it comes to a

Outside the court, the Plessey camp played it cool on speculation that a consortium bid for GEC, involving Plessey, might be on the way. But a source close to Plessey said no move was being made to organize support for such a reverse takeover.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Electra Investment tumbles to £9.7m

Electra Investment Trust, which specializes in investing in small companies, has unveiled a fall in pre-tax profits from £16.46 million to £9.7 million in the year ended September 30. The drop reflects a reduction in investment income particularly in the US, coupled with an increase in the cost base, which has risen from £6.65 million to £8.52 million.

Net assets per share fell 8.15 per cent, to 281.53p, and earnings per share fell from 7.68p to 4.49p. There is a final dividend of 2.4p a share, making 4.8p, down from 6.7p last year. Despite the disappointing results, Electra shares rose

Adler's son takes over

Mr Rodney Adler, aged 28, right, has replaced his late father, Mr Larry Adler, as chief executive officer of FAI Insurances, but declined an offer to become chairman of the group. His father, who held both positions, died on Toesday, Mr John Landerer. a lawyer, has been appointed acting chairman, and an executive director, Mr Bruce Corlett, is deputy chairman. FAI shares rose 17 cents to close at \$2.85 (132p).



Arthur Lee up 45.8%

Arthur Lee, the Sheffield steel and plastics manufacturer, reports n 45.8 per cent increase in pre-tax profits for the year to end-September from £4.13 million to £6.03 million. Turnover climbed 22 per cent from £82.50 million to a record £100.62 million. Earnings per share rose 38.9 per cent from 9.10p to 12.64p. A final dividend of 3.0p (2.2p) is declared, making 4.25p (3.2p) for the year.

Mr Peter Lee, the chairman, says activity continues to run at a high level in the new financial year, and the order intake remains strong. The steel division performed strongly, extending its costomer base. The plastics division also continued on an opward trend showing further improvements

More interest French buy in T-Line

Thomson T-Line, the Vernons Pools group on the end of a hostile 80p-a-share bid from Ladbroke, has confirmed that another, unnamed party has spoken of making an offer for the company, although no timing has been discussed. The Department of Trade and Industry has cleared Thomson's own £332 million acquisition of Mr David Abell's Suter group, where were agreed last

for Tyzack

Mr Bill Eastwood's WA Tyzack group is buying Eurofiltec, a French filter manufacturer and distributor, for FFr118.2 million (£10.9 million). Eurofittee, which is based in Rungis, near Paris, is seen as n springboard for further European expansion by Tyzack. The price is to be satisfied by the issue of 3.3 million new shares and Fr 76.2 million in cash, of which Fr43 million will be paid on

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

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TEMPUS

Speedy Stakis plugs profits drain

Stakis could have impinged sharply on profits. But its swift disposal of the businesses. Wigram, the loss-making stockbroker, to Midland Bank's Greenwell Montagu last month helped to staunch

As a result overall pre-tax profits came out 28 per cent ahead at £24.5 million for the year to October 2, 1988, a clear £2 million ahead of some

Apart from £478.000 charzed as an extraordinary item to cover the closure of the tour-operating and financial services businesses, the re-maining four divisions all showed profits improvement.

The group's core, hotels and inns, chipped in 65 per cent of overall trading profit at £17.2 million, up by 48 per cent from £11.6 million in 1987. There was a £1.48 million contribution from hotel sales but Stakis's lack of exposure to the expensive London hotel market, which has suffered this year, undoubtedly helped

provide the improvement The casino division, which made £5.7 million against £4.4 million, also benefited from its provincial base. Punters outside the capital played, ate and drank regularly at Stakis's tables while the competition

Vot 1000

The recent foray into the suffered from the departure of financial services field by the high rollers from the London gaming scene.

Stakis used its propertydeveloping abilities to good including that of Robert effect during the year; profits went from £2.1 million to £3.37 million.

The newcomer was health care, which made a first-time contribution of £307,000 in the increasingly popular business of providing high-quality nursing homes for the elderly. With five homes now in operation and a further seven planned for this year, this is a growth sector.

With next year's profits likely to be in the £27 million region, and earnings per share estimated at 8.4p, the shares, at 89p up 2p, are not showing a premium rating. With Scot-tish & Newcastle holding a 6.7 per cent stake and asset value at about 120p a share, they are seen as reasonable value.

Ryan Int. Ryan International, which in October was jilted by Carless

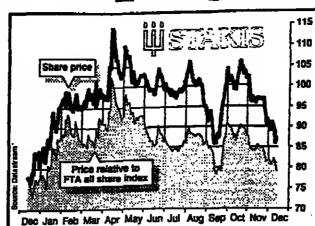
Capel, is back at the altar. This time its hand is being sought by Digger, a company specially formed to stage a management buy-out, which is courting the independent coal producer with a onceand-for-all cash offer at 140p a clearly wait for the full offer

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document before deciding whether to accept.

Nnt only is the preliminary statement thin on financial detail, but the 140p is well below what would have effectively been received had the original Carless marriage knot been tied. In October, Cart less offered 17 of its shares for every nine Ryan, and though that was an all-paper offer it then equated Ryan at 185p a share.

loan note alternative. Digger, made up of Ryan executives and backed by various institutional investors prepared to adopt a mediumterm approach, says the 140p offer is final, thus leaving shareholders with a simple

As yet there is no profit

By contrast, Digger's offer is

all guaranteed cash, with a

forecast for the year to end-December, though in the wake of Ryan's recent disappointing interim report, when profits fell by 22 per cent, little excitement should be expected from 1988 year-end figures. Asset valuations on which

the 140p has been structured have also to be published Ryan managed only in March this year to return to

the dividend lists for the first time since 1974. It managed a 4p a share final payment covering the 1987 financial year. At the 1988 interim stage there was no payment. Though Ryan has been in

joint venture with Consolidated Gold Fields since 1986, a counter bid from ConsGold (which in any case has its hands full fending off Minorco) looks unlikely. This time, Ryan should make the altar.

Bardon

Group

Five pence invested in Bardon Group, the quarries and building products company in 1977 - when it was first listed on the Over-the-Counter Market - would now be reappearing on the Stock Exchange as 168p, as Bardon makes the jump to a full listing.

No new shares are being issued by Bardon, which has patently outgrown the O-T-C with a market capitalization of more than £135 million, and profits last year of £7.3 mil-

In an attempt to shake off the O-T-C image, Bardon drives to market in style, accompanied by SG Warburg and Cazenove. But that does not mean that the company is without blemish.

Down among the small print in the back of the listing particulars, there are some potentially worrying potential litigations in the US, where Bardon purchased Guyott. a quarry owner, for \$100 million (£54.5 million) this year.

The litigations relate to cleaning up landfill sites. In the past five years, little.

the arrival of Mr Peter Tom, the new chairman and chief executive, profits at Bardon have grown rapidly, from £3.71 million to last year's £7.3 million. In the half-year to September 30, urged on by the Guyott purchase, profits surged to £8.4 million and analysts are suggesting £11 million for the full year to

March. That would underpin the flotation price with earnings ner share of 18p for a prospective price/earnings ratio of nine, which looks dramstically expensive compared with Beazer standing at about six times next year's earnings. So while Bardon may still

have growth in plenty ahead of it, there is no need for investors to fight for a share of the action in current markets. Beazer has an excellent record, fuelled by acquisitions which have in turn damaged the share price. Everyone who wants a Beazer share can have

Bardon could well be heading down the same road, and so while the shares may have a certain scarcity value at the moment, it would be surprising if Mr Tom is not tempted into using Bardon paper, with its new-found status.

One to watch, but not to buy until the rating subsides a

STOCK MARKET

Mountleigh shares up to 168p as takeover talk intensifies

Speculation over the future of Mountleigh, Mr Tony Clegg's property group, intensified last night when its shares suddenly jumped to 173p in hectic dealings on talk that the company would today be the subject of a 200p-a-share offer from British Land. Mr John Rithlat's property group. A late denial from Mr

Rithlat of any such plan prompted some profit-taking, but the close was still 12p higher at 168p as dealers remained convinced that an answer to the Mountleigh mystery was close.

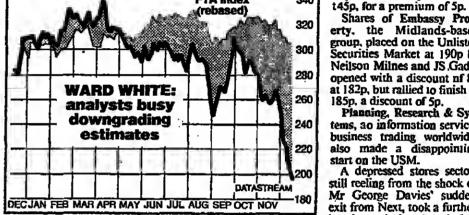
Ever since Tuesday's report that the Galerias Consortium, the Italian-backed group led by Mr Peter Earl, the financier, had decided not to take up an option to acquire a further 7.8 per cent of Mountleigh, thus keeping its stake to 13.9 per cent, dealers have been uneasy.

Galerias acquired the stake in the first place in order to strengthen its arm in negotiations with Mountleigh as it tries to acquire its European interests which include Galerias Preciados, the Spanish department store chain. The market had this week been expecting the talks to reach a conclusion, but Galerias decision not to take up its option has baffled

Dealers have been suggesting that the consortium could even launch a full-scale offer for Mountleigh, but recent suggestions in the market are that Mr Clegg has had meet-ings with Mr Ritblat and the Beckwith brothers of London & Edinburgh Trust and would rather transact a deal with

An answer to the puzzle

WALL STREET



looks imminent. One good per cent was largely disoutside bet must be Benlox, the mini-conglomerate, which heart from the slowdown in last year launched an audawage inflation. cious bid for Storehouse.

Mr Paul Bloomfield, the again left a lot to be desired as Philip Burch. man behind Mountleigh's past Christmas festivities took property deals, recently took a their toll, but the FT-SE 100 marked down as market-mak-20 per cent stake in Benlox share index closed 7.1 points ers took defensive action, and could possibly be lining higher at 1,763.2. The narup a bid for the property group rower FT 30 share index

Mountleigh this week sold

ended 3.1 points up at 1,427.3. Gilts firmed £%. Amstrad, Mr Alan Sugar's electronics group, rose 5p to 155p. Yamaichi International (Europe), the Japanese securities house, forecasts pre-tax profits of £180 million in the current year against £160 million last time. It believes that the shares are on an absurdly cheap rating for a group with such an outstanding record. Video production is now up and running

its 10 per cent stake in Wembley, the sports stadium and property group, for £11.25 million, but dealers do not means the end of Wembley's interest. Mountleigh and Wembley recently called off

with no further problems.

merger talks. Elsewhere, the half-point increase in the West German share by Charterhnuse, the Lombard interest rate to 5.5 merchant bank, its shares

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CANADIAN PRICES

Of the four new issues which made their stock market débuts, only one closed with a premium over its necessarily believe that this placing price. It is Secure Trust, the financial services group which draws 58 per cent of its turnover from a bousehuld budgeting service. Placed on the main market at 140p a

The volume of business

Dow edges up in early trade

New York (Reuter) - Wall Street shares were mixed with blue chips little changed in early trade yesterday. The Dow Jones industrial average was up t.95 to 2, t36.20.

• Frankfurt (AP-Dow Jones) Shares ended slightly lower ahead of the Lombard rate increase to 5.5 per cent from 5 per cent which came too late to affect the market. The Commerzbank index, calculated at midsession, was down 15.6 to 1,592.1.

 Tokyo − Shares closed weaker, with the Nikkei index ending at 29,705.75, down

Shares of Embassy Property, the Midlands-based group, placed on the Unlisted Securities Market at 190p by Neilson Milnes and JS Gadd, opened with a discount of 8p at 182p, but railied to finish at

185p. a discount of 5p.
Planning, Research & Systems, ao information services business trading worldwide, also made a disappointing start on the USM.

A depressed stores sector, still reeling from the shock of Mr George Davies' sudden exit from Next, took a further knock as dealers heard that several broking houses had counted and the market took sharply downgraded their pretax profit estimates for Ward White, the Halfords-to-Payless DIY group headed by Mr

> Shares of Ward White were ing to close 4p lower at 195p.

Mr Mark Chewter, analyst at SBCI Savory Milln, has downgraded his current year pre-tax profit estimate to £69 million from £78 million after meeting Mr Birch and Mr John Sharp, a director of Ward White, last week.

His reduction follows evidence that sales growth at the Payless and AG Stanley DIY operations is slowing appre-ciably, while £2 million of extra interest charges and £3 million of operating losses for the year on Owen Owen up to its disposal help make up the

Warburg Securities, Ward White's own joint broker, cut its forecast by £10 million to £70 million and County NatWest WoodMac reduced its forecast by £7 million to £70 million.

Geoffrey Foster

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Sterling strength hits API profit with worse feared

Associated Paper Industries, the papermaking and film conversion group, has joined the list of companies worrying about the high interest and exchange rates and their potential impact on profits.

Announcing the results for the year ended October 1, during which API improved to 25.8p and pre-tax profits from £7.8 million to £8.1 million, Mr Charles Rawlinson, the chairman, said: "The situation is particularly criti-cal for API with its high level

With exports running at 30 per cent of sales, he added: tosses in the current year competition in stamping foils "We continue to place great estimated to be substantially has resulted in reduced operat-

New reject

emphasis on exporting, especially to continental Enrope, and are well placed to take advantage of the current progress towards the integration of EEC markets.

"We are, bowever, significantly affected by currency fluctuations, especially within Europe, and the strength of earnings per share from 22.6p sterling in 1988 has had a said the group had succeeded considerable effect on our sales and margins."

> Mr William Mackenzie, the finance director, estimated that during the past year the company lost £400,000 as a direct result of the higher exchange rate, with exchange

would have been greater had it not been for an exceptional windfall gain of just under £400,000 relating to a dollar exchange rate gain.

to be easy," he said.

Mr Tony Pennie, an analyst at James Capel, the broker, in restructuring itself over the past 10 years. However, he forecast no increase in earnings per share for the current year as a result of a higher tax charge and the continued exchange rate problem.

Increased international

higher. The exchange rate loss ing margins, from 12.6 per cent down to 8.5 per cent. As a result the group had to reorganize its US sales force.

Shareholders' funds have increased from £25.86 million "The next year is not going to £29.28 million. During the year the company invested £6.9 million in new machinery, a level likely to be sustained this year.

It was announced that Mr John Graham, the managing director, would retire in April and be replaced by Mr Adrian Missenden, the managing director of GP Inveresk Corporation.

The final dividend is 6.05p per share, making 8.8p, after

Stakis jumps 28% to £24m



the newspaper group.
Collins said the value of the offer stands at a significant discount to the market price and that, "Collins's excellence merits a premium rating." The company claimed that its strong share performance reflected its success.

News International replied that Collins shareholders should question their company on why Collins shares had under-performed the FT all-share index by 15 per cent this year up to the offer being made, why operating profit for the six months to June had declined and wby the full potential of Harper & Row had not been utilized.

Mr Rupert Murdoch, the chief executive of News International, said: "Collins has still failed to provide satisfactory answers to all the points we raised in our offer

Scots exports rise by 13%

Scottish manufacturing industry exports have made a significant recovery over the past year after an "abysmal" performance in 1986-87, generating 96,000 jobs.
The Scottish Council for

Development and Industry's annual survey shows exports rose 13 per cent in 1987-88 to more than £6.02 billion

THE RESERVE



Developing presence: Andros Stakis announcing results

By Rosemary Unsworth Stakis, the Glasgow hotel, casino and nursing home group, has boosted profits by 28 per cent, increased the final dividend by 17 per cent and announced plans to develop its ence in the higher quality hotel market in the south of

Pre-tax profits amounted to £24.5 million for the 53 weeks to October 2, against £19 million for the previous 52 weeks. Turnover rose from £114.5 million to £124.2 million. The final dividend is 1.33p compared with 1.14p, making 1.95p compared with 1.68p.

Mr Andres Stakis, managing director, said Stakis in-tended building 140-bed hotels in the South-east to compete with chains such as Marriott and Holiday Inn.

They would cost about £60,000 per room to build and room rates would be about £70

a night.
Three have already been built - in Wekingham, Bristel and Newbory. Two more sites have been acquired and five more are planned for this

CH Industrials profits rise 166%

By Our City Staff

CH Industrials, the specialist engineering, building and chemicals group, has boosted pre-tax profits by 166 per cent at the halfway stage.

Profits were £5.67 million against £2.13 million as turnover rose by 94 per cent from £41.6 million to £80 million in the six months to October 1.

Growth came from special-

There is little sign of the

maintaining its position and

gaining new clients.

including five new businesses, where turnover more than doubled to £33.8 million and operating prfits were £2.59 million. There were also strong sales increases to the auto and rail industries.

Chemical and polymer profits rose by 12 per cent to £1.21 Profits from household products amounted to £1.5 million and office products and shop fittings produced £968,000. The group's 21.9 per cent holding in Manganese Bronze,

the taxi group, produced sec-ond-half profits of £287,000. The interim dividend has million although there were been increased by 40 per cent production problems at one from 0.75p to 1.05p, which new moulding plant which will better balance the interim created additional costs. and final payments. The un In.

BAT wins approval at Farmers

BAT Industries has finally cleared the last hurdle in its \$5.2 hillion (£2.84 million) takeover of the Los Angelesbased Farmers insurance

Farmers' shareholders approved by a wide margin the BATs cash offer of \$75 a share at their annual meeting, thus ending a long and often bitter takeover battle.

We look forward to an exciting future in association arm Batus," Mr Leo Denlea, Farmers' chairman, said.

Mr Patrick Sheehy, BATs chairman, said the successful Farmers acquisition complements the group's main financial services buisiness in Britain and Canada, and makes the group a leading corporation in Europe and North America.

"With this merger with Farmers, financial services will shortly be rivalling to-bacco as the biggest industry sector in BATs portfolio," Mr Sheehy added. BATs shares rose 42p to 439p.

Wiggins move Wiggins Group is selling its motor division to Williams Holdings for £7.5 million which it will use to expand its property development opera-tions. Wiggins Motor Group, consists of five dealerships three Volvo, one BMW and a Citroen-Peugeot joint venture

last March. £5m cash deal

- a repair centre and a finance

division. It made profits of

£894,000 in the year ended

Whitecroft has paid £5.2 mil-lion cash for MB Modern Decor, a maker and supplier of plastic and aluminium replacement windows and doors. Further payments depend on an earn-out agreement based on future profits.

Systems sale

National Telecommunications is selling several rental contracts for time control, paging and public address systems to Blick Time Systems for np to £1.02 million The contracts have a future gross rental of £3.32 million. The price will be satisfied via £700,000 cash on completion and two equal cash payments next year.

Leases bought

Bredero Properties and Slough Estates have acquired the leasehold interests in the Lewisham Centre, South-east Loodon, from Grosvenor Developments and the ICI pension fund. The centre comprises 350,000 sq ft of covered shopping space and 130,000

COMMENT David Brewerton

Westland hovers while GKN eyes the controls

hree years ago Westland was plunging to earth for the hardest possible landing, bankruptcy. In the middle of a cold December night, chairman Sir John Cuckney oegotiated a support commitment from banks and a few hours later, as the City started up for the day, he announced a £90 millioo loss.

After an experience like that, Sir John did not find it too hard to report a £25 million provision against an export contract for Sea King helicopters alongside preliminary results. As ever, Westland's results are a mixture of hope, interpretation, pluses and minuses which defy conventional investment analysis. But the hottom line is that earnings per share before exceptional items are steady at 17.3p and the dividend pattern of last year, interim 1.25p followed by final of 2.25p, is repeated.

The latest helicopter provision should be the last, but those who have followed Westland's fortunes over the years will know that there is always another contract skeleton waiting to fall

But regardless of whether or not there are any more skeletons to tumble, Westland is at the end of one era, and the beginning of another. The change occurred, quietly considering the high polical profile of the 1980s "Westland Affair", when Fiat sold its 22 per cent share stake to GKN, the old nuts and bolts husiness which was looking for a high technology interest to replace its former dependence on the motor trade.

GKN did not, it made clear at the time. move into Fiat's shoes in order to make a portfolio investment. It wishes to get alongside Westland, and be part of Westland's necessary drive both to become bigger and to reduce its depen-dence on helicopters, objectives which have been on the drawing board for as long as the EH 101 Eurocopter but which have been thwarted by the company's commercial nosets.

The best and most likely way in which that will be achieved is for Westland to acquire from GKN some of the GKN husinesses. GKN has ambitions to

control Westland, and the Westland board says GKN's presence "will continue to ensure the British identity of Westland", which seems to matter at least as much as independence.

The choice for outside shareholders with no commercial links with Westland is whether they should stay for a ride in the hope that GKN will do the decent thing and make a full hid, or risk the much less attractive prospect of holding shares in a subsidiary when the parent's interests are not those of a portfolio

As for Sir John, joh done, he hands over the chair to Sir Leslie Fletcher in

Will Berry be next?

There are striking similarities between Tony Berry of Blue Arrow and George Davies of Next. Both like to combine the job of chairman and chief executive. Both have vision and flair and both have the knack of making enemies in the boardroom. Davies was ejected from his office a week ago; Berry is under attack.

But if Berry resigns from Bluc Arrow, it will not be because of the opposition from the Manpower franchise holders in the United States, but because of dissatisfaction with the company at home. The franchise owners, who this week passed a vote of no confidence in the Manpower management, are touchingly loyal to Mr Mitchell Fromstein, founder and former chief executive of Manpower who fell out with Berry and resigned last week. But their loyalty will not unseat the chairman.

Their opposition is, however, the last thing Berry needs. He already has an unwilling major shareholder in the shape of County Natwest and a huge personal deht taken out to support his rights issue. The shares are on their backs with little prospect of recovery in the short term and Fromstein's was the third resignation in six months. Time is not on his side.

Nigel in the lions' den

Lawson speech is complete these days economic issues and yesterday the Chancellor claimed among the proceeds of privatization oot only additional state financing and superior industrial efficiency but "freedom with responsihility" as well.

There is a certain irony in Mr Lawsoo extolling the virtues of privatization in Paris wheo his present opposite oumber shareholding structures set up when previous administration. There are also Parliament.

's Nigel Lawson getting in training for those in France for whom Britain's the Foreign Office by going off to privatization programme is not so much Paris to practise his French on a an exemplar as an opportunity for conference oo privatizatioo? No profitable iovestment in the UK, for instance, the French water companies without a reference to the wider non- which have been huying up Britain's statutory water companies as fast as they can.

However, if cooviction is eoough to persuade, Mr Lawson should have coovinced at least some of his French listeners of the desirability of privatization and the loss to France from the present government's decision to halt further sales. As for Britain, the Chanin France is trying to undo some of the cellor was in no doubt that further sales were likely, eveo ooce coal and perhaps privatization was in fashion under the rail had been disposed of in the next

Figures edge ahead at Bradstock Group

Bradstock Group, the quoted year compared with 5p last Lloyd's insurance and reinsurtime. ance broker, has reported a rise in pre-tax profits for the market hardening and the year to end-September from dollar remains weak. £6.64 million to £6.83 million.

Turnover climbed from £13.09 million to £15.07 Earnings per share, how-ever, dipped from 17.8p to 17.7p.

A final dividend of 5.25p is declared, making 6.75p for the

Psion acquires Dacom Systems for £4.5m

tems, a supplier of dial-up telephone data modems, for an initial cash consideration of £4.5 million with more to follow depending on prof-

The board anticipates an itability over five years. increase in turnover in the A substantial part of the current year and is confident initial consideration will be financed by the issue of 2.85 In all three areas - aviation, million new shares at 145p each to raise £4.1 million for non-marine and marine reinsurance - the company is

the company.

By Our City Staff

Of the initial £4.5 million, an aggregate £800,000 is payable to Messrs Bohn and Roberts, two of the vendors. in respect of a non-competition agreement.

the first half of 1988. Since then sales have continued to be buoyant and are substantially ahead of comparable figures for the past year.

Psion is buying Dacom Sys- offered to shareholders at the 145p placing price.

Psion had record figures for

All new shares will be

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T GROUP	1988 £M	1987 £M	1986 £M	1985 £M	1984 £M	
Sales	936.9	762.5	688.6	713.9	604.2	
Pre-tax profit	145.4	112.1	90.4	74.6	64.2	
Profit after tax	94.2	72.1	58.1	46.7	37.0	
Dividend per share	17.50p	14.50 _P	12.50 _P	11.00p	9.60p	
Earnings per share	43.82p	34.88p	28.44 _p	25.97p	22.13p	

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Kleinwort lays off 35 workers Kleinwort Benson, the British

securities house and merchant bank, bas, t hear, laid off 35 employees in its UK equities division. The joh losses, which are understood to involve only individuals below assistant director level, are spread fairly evenly between five departments and include market-makers, salesmen, an-alysts, settlement staff and back office employees. The redundancies came as the bank completed its annual staff appraisal programme and those losing their jobs were told in individual interviews during the course of yesterday. About 15 of those being laid off had been with the bank only since Big Bang and, although their ages ranged from 20 to 60, none of them is thought to have earned more than £50,000 a year. "We needed to reduce our overheads to a level which allows us to carry on in our business competitively," a Kleinwort spokesman says. "It is a slimming-down, so that we can be as competitive as possible in difficult markets. What is important is that we are not pulling the plug. We are still committed to the securities business, and we firmly believe that these steps are in the best interests, not only of Kleinwort Benson shareholders, hut of our remaining employees."

Not at home

So much for keeping your employees informed . . . a colleague telephoned the



workers in the 45-plus age group who may have given all hope of finding another job. Californian Lauretta Blake is lemen" for her Gentleman Host programme which, in essence, supplies men for cruises on ocean liners which would overwise be overloaded

For swells in a trough to make a living! with women - most of them,

headquarters of Westland Group in Yeovil, Somerset, and asked the press officer to fax a copy of the company's annual results across to him. "I'm sorry, we do not have them here," came the reply of the - apparently surprised press officer.



"Apparently, you can't even beginning of the tomnel

According to Blake, who says she screens applicants and

then places suitable candidates on cruises which go to South America, Asia and other exciting corners of the world, "We have supplied bundreds of men and everybody always has a great time. ems like a reasonable way

Tied houses Do you think that companies which have corporate ties are

well-run? According to Tie Rack - of course - you do. And while the old school tie

might be on the decline, the corporate tie is very much on the increase. A survey con-ducted under the guidance of Tie Rack chairman Roy Bishko reveals that 52 per cent of employees think a corporate tie-wearer is taking his job seriously and 60 per cent said they would wear one if issued with it. Possibly per-suaded by these findings, eight blue chip employers — 1CL, Prudential, Tate & Lyle, NatWest, Bass, Marley. Sleep. Barrister Courad Dehn has eezee and Cadbury Schweppes asked me to point out that,

sober, rather brighter, and

Simon The Death of a Market, the Eric Baker poem published in

Rhymin'

part in this column yesterday, seems to have struck a chord with market men. Baker, who left Parrish 18 months ago to return to his old firm Shaw & Co, tells me that one stockbroker ran off 50 copies of it. But not everyone was sympathetic to the market-makers' lament. Simon Cawkwell, a chartered accountant in Jermyn Street, London, re-

I know I'm getting older And all is change in wealth, But what happened in the City, It brought upon itself. Nature abhors a vacuum And carpetbaggers abound. But brokers stayed empty

So lawyers were to be found. But lawyers need their paying (And they do dream up some So brokers went a-baying

But silly little brokers (Who had not sold to Yanks) Just found their clients poorer (The bear had broke their

The moral of this tale is:

'Just 'cos you are a Tory.

Don't think a parvenn

ing a choice of three styles -- from The Times," he says.

And asked their clients for

Will not come and bore ye. - have all introduced new contrary to my report yes-corporate ties. And these days terday, he did apply for and their creation is more sophis- receive an allotment of British ticated than Simply stamping Steel shares, despite the late a company logo on blue fabric. arrival of his application form. Tie Rack's designers are offer- "I cut an application form

Carol Leonard

Famous five on the carpet

Criticism of poor progress on the French side of the Channel Tunnel this week stung Transmanche Link to reply in uniquely Gallic fashion.

businessmen in France organized an extraordinary gat-Gallic pride.

Collectively, the heads of France's five largest construc- was broached. tion companies are the French construction industry. Yet in Enthusiasm among the five their view they have been tre- could not be better, the men ated like a bunch of errant on the job are the best in their

The five men wished to remind Eurotunnel in general and Mr Morton in particular that he was not rapping the Manuckles of just anybody. The M Francis Bouygues and M Jean-Paul Parayre's of this world only enter the fray in French trains that will whisk one way - in style. They used one of the most chic reception

The Pavillon Gabriel, opputives from Bouygues, Dum-ez, Spie Batignolles, SAE and Group SGE, the five French companies in Transmanche Link, the consortium which is building the tunnel. Though just the presence of M Bouygues, head of the world's largest construction company and a leading figure in France,

Five of the most prominent was enough to draw crowds. It was only after being shown the success of a series hering in Paris this week. It of large projects including was billed as a press con-Bouygues' Riyadh University, ference, but turned into a two- Dumez' giant basilica in the hour display of wounded Ivory Coast and Spie Batignolles' transGabonese railway, that the Channel tunnel

The message was simple: schoolboys by Mr Alastan Morton, whose all-consuming task is to build the Channel Tunnel by May 15 1993. And tirely in their hands there would be no problems.

Mr Morton, the British co-chairman of Eurotunnel, was hand-picked for the job. It will need a rare blend of financial passengers to the tunnel.

Their punctuality is legendary. Mr Morton needs to be just as timely. He has £5 osite the gardens of the Elysee billion of backers' money to Palace, was filled with execon time. If he manages it, the City says that Eurotunnel shares will be worth £22 by the time the first passengers travei. If not, and the current fnur-month slippage in digging escalates, then shareholders may need to put up more



Rapping knuckles: Alastair Morton presides over slow progress to a mid-Channel meeting "kick up the posterinr."

trouble came last August when Mr Morton went public with a notice he sent to TML. The warning was the first formal step which Mr Morton had to take in order to activate a complex system of penalty payments for which the contractors are liable if they fail to meet a number of "milestone" targets in the digging of the

Eurotunnel's warning no-tice said simply that TML was not managing the project to its satisfaction. Afterwards, in a phrase which infuriated the cream of the French construction industry, he said that The first public signs of the warning was intended as a

Just how that was translated tunnelling machinery went out of husinesss. Thus mileinto French remains unstone two was missed and the reported. But in Paris the knock-on effect was that mileremark was taken as an unprecedented public dressingstone three on the French side was also missed. Milestone down. Their British counter-

the rough and tumble of the English side was also missed. construction business on this The French end of TML unside of the Channel, have so doubtedly had the worst of the But these are the facts: geology to cope with. There was a good deal of broken, the service tunnel currently being bored started right on though before they reached the chalk marl that is perfect schedule nn December 1 last year. Thus milestone one was acheived.

stuff for cutting. There were also teething However. The French hit a troubles with the equipment.

the seaward tunnel nn the

Conditions were so adverse that the tunelling machine nn the French side was effectively working under water. It was designed in cope with this, but progress was painfully slow. The missed milestones

mean that contractors on both sides of the channel are facing penalty clauses. The French clearly do not relish the prospect even though the sums involved are at present about £15 million — no more than a financial pinprick against the size of the companies

Mr Morton started off in August as he meant to continue. He and his French cochairman M Andre Benard take the view that a penalty clause is a penalty clause and once the contracts were signed, both sides must expect to be held to the fine print.

Reading between the lines of Euotunnel's statements it appears that TML is currently being subjected to a good deal of pressure. However, it is only partly to do with the digging of the service tunnel. By far the most important parts of the work lay ahead,

and 1989 is the crucial year. The design and comissioning of the special trains must be completed nn time. The commencement and workrate four, achieving 5 kilometres of nn the main tunnels must reach targets immediately and work on the terminals must maintain present progress.

What concerns the backers is that TML must show willingness to throw sufficient resources at problems as they arrive, if neccessary from nutside its own companies.

John Bell and

EEC to compel competition in telecoms trade

From Michael Dynes, Brussels

to launch an ambitious and controversial plan to compel member states to open up their national telecommunications services industries to free competition throughout the community by 1991.

The plan, which will be implemented under the competition provisions of Article 90 of the Treaty of Rome, will oblige member states to abolrights over the telecommunielectronic mail to tele-shop- Council of Ministers. ping - except for voice te-lephony and telex services.

In a separate but related move, the Commission has tive to the Chuncil of Ministers, calling for the intro-duction of barmonized telecommunications technical standards for all telecom- competition. munications terminal equp-

The proposal, would force companies to publish their technical standards, thereby to all equipment manufacturers, and ending the ar- by the Treaty of Rome. bitrary power of telephone companies to decide who has access to the network.

services plan, which is ex-pected to be finalized in March, will place the majority of the community's £44 bilfion services industry into the

The European Commission is face bitter opposition from West Germany, France and Italy, all of whom exercise virtual monopolies over their telecommunications services.

It is also likely to meet stiff opposition from Britain nn procedural grounds, despite the British Government's support for the substance of the proposal, for fear that the Commission is nverstepping the limit of its powers by ish their exclusive monopoly refusing to adhere to the normal practice of drawing up cations services sector, from a directive for approval by the

The Commission has already been taken to the European Court of Justice by member states, following its also submitted a draft direc- decision this year to issue its own directive compelling member states in open up the community's terminal equipment market in cross-border

But the Commission, backed by the powerful commercial telecommunications compublic and private telephone panies, is confident that the court of justice will uphold its authority to liberalize the opening up telecom networks telecommunications sector under the powers granted to it

"Mr Peter Sutherland, the competition commissioner, has said from the nutset that The telecommunications he intended to make maximum use of the Treaty's competition provisions, as he already has done with competition policy and the liberalization of the air transport Susan MacDonald private sector, and is likely to sector," an official said.

WPP in \$56m acquisition

By Our City Staff

WPP Group, the advertising care marketing. Its acquisition is estimated at some \$500 and marketing company, has bought HLS Corp, a US marketing and communications a leading force in all sectors of company, in a deal that could be worth as much as \$55.9 million (£30.5 million).

The initial payment is \$27.5 million, payable in cash and shares, with up to a further The senior management of \$28.4 million due, based on a HLS, which reported 6 net multiple of 10 times HLS's average profits for the three years ending December 1993

HLS, which is based in New Jersey, specialises in health-

WPP's objective of becoming marketing services. Among HLS's big clients are Johnson & Johnson, Lederle Lab-oratories, Searle Laboratories and Marion Laboratories.

profit of \$2.6 million for the year ended September 30 nn turnover of \$13.6 million, has signed long-term contracts.

The US healthcare industry

marks a further advance in billion, representing 11 per cent of the gross national product.Healthcare advertising revenue is put at some \$3.8 billinn worldwide, and is

growing at more than 20 per

cent a year.

WPP, the nwner of J Walter Thompson, the world's seventh largest advertising agency, and Hill & Knowlton, its biggest public relations group. is itself the fourth-largest marketing services group in

Micrelec up by 32% at half time

parts, perhaps more used to

far remained silent.

Micrelec Group, the USMquoted manufacturer of petrol station automation equipment, showed a 32 per cent increase in pre-tax profits, from £481,000 to £634,000, for the six months to endeptember.

Turnaver jumped 82 per cent from £2.7 million to £4.9 millinn, with earnings per share increasing 24 per cent, to 3.89p. An interim dividend of p was annunced.

The group also announced the appointment of Dr Tim Cook as managing director.

At least six companies show interest in Metro-Cammell

Buyers queue for Laird train-maker

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

There are already more than choice was to grow in these six possible buyers for the Metro-Cammell train manufacturing and bus and taxi husinesses which have been put up for sale by Laird, the sealings, packaging and engineering group.

Laird decided in sell its transport systems division because, while it is the nld core and best-known part of the group, it contributes barely 4 per cent of profits compared with more than half in 1983. Laird, only a medium-sized

operator in the sector, has also been influenced by moves towards bigger international groupings, especially in rail

Mr John Gardiner, chairman and chief executive of made an approach.

sectors or move nut of them. The bus and cab pperation, trading as Metro-Cammeli Weymann, is a loss-maker but Metro-Cammeli, the trainmaking side, is not.

Train manufacture is attracting the most interest because, after cutbacks, both London Underground and British Rail's Network South East are to place orders for rolling stock which together could be worth £800 million.

There have already been approaches for the train-making business from the United Kingdom, Japan, Italy, West Germany and Canada. It is expected to bid for British Rail Engineering (Brel), the

Laird, apparently feels the Talks are under way with



Gardiner: grow or move out nne British company but

being privatized nut of British

nut, Lord Weinstock may well turn his attention to Metro-Cammell. GEC, as a producer of train equipment, would fit neatly with Metro-Cammell, Metro-Cammell Weymann

has been hit by the effects of privatization in the bus and coach trade but there is growing demand for Metrorider, a new smaller bus, and the newly designed Metrocab. Laird is having assessments made to make financial pro-

visions against the disposals including future trading losses and rationalization costs. Total provisions are likely to be "substantial", Laird said.

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Lower profit for LMS

By Wolfgang Münchau

the property company, has revealed a drop in profits from £7.23 million to £7.02 millinn for the six months to September 30, despite a rise in net rental income from £8.8 million to £9.53 milling.

The results do not include £56 million the company expects from Kelt Energy for its 27.19 per cent stake in Carless,

London Merchant Securities, Capel & Leonard, the oil and gas exploration firm.

Lord Rayne, chairman of LMS, said the rental increase had been achieved despite losses at a development in Park Lane, central London, due for completing in 1990.

Earnings per share in-creased from 2.33p to 2.49p. The interim dividend remained unchanged at 0.8p.

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Trading in the second half continues to please and the chairman remains confident of achieving targets for the year. Company anticipates successful

performance for the year as a

whole and remains confident about prospects. The chairman expects further progress in company's banking and offshore businesses.

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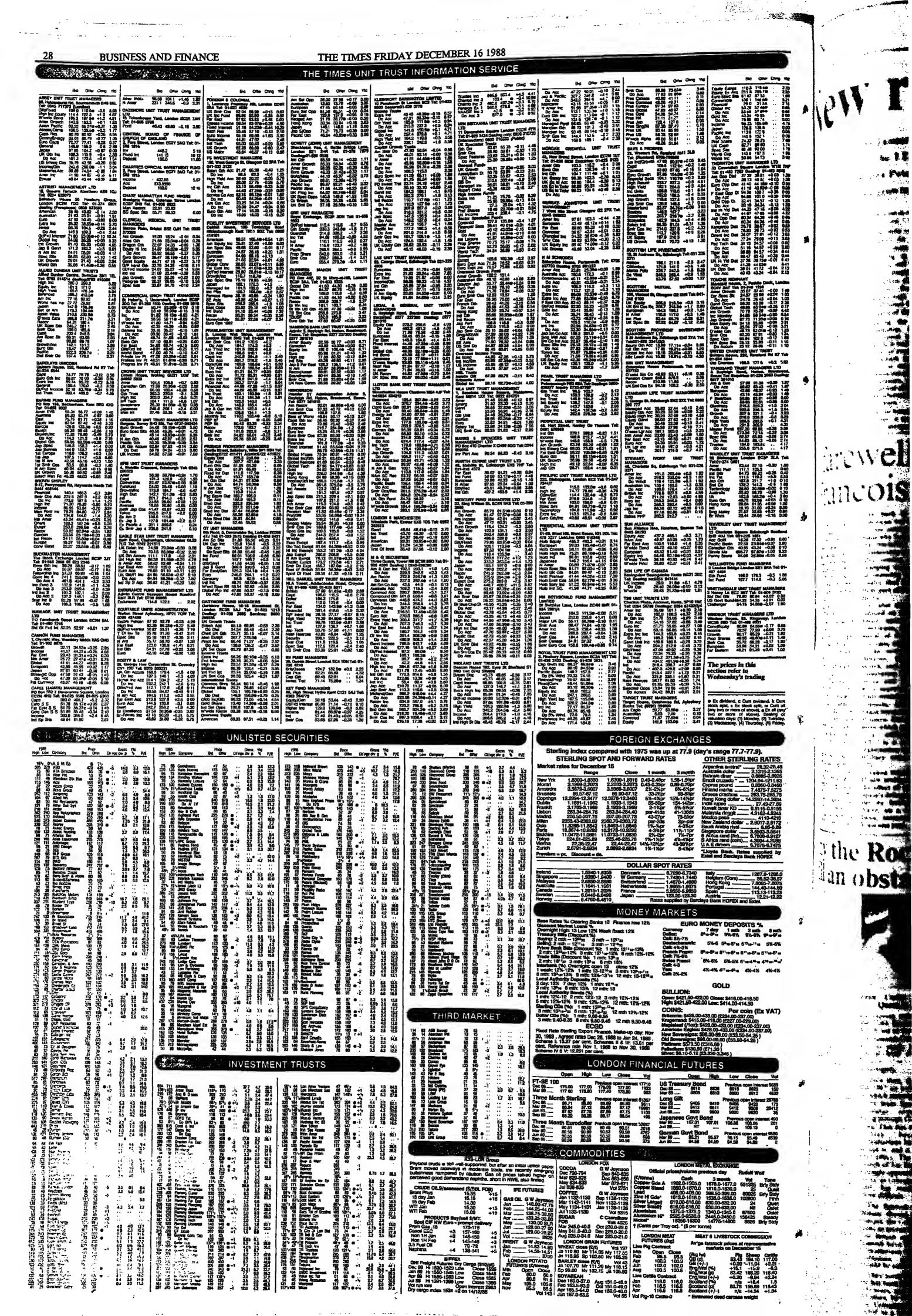
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New role in Europe

t is only 13 years since General Franco died, but in this relatively short time Spanish life has been transformed, politically, economically and in its relations with the international community. While some 38 million tourists a year pour on to the beaches, in the capital, Madrid, high up on the central plateau, there is still a sense of novelty about the greater freedom given by democracy, and a new flexing of muscles unused for a long time.

greater prosperity, in a flowering of the arts, in the workings Socialists. But even these of the still-young democratic manoeuvrings serve to point system and, for diplomats, in the difference from the represthe re-establishment of Spain in the mainstream of European and world affairs, after a iong micrval.

Not everything is perfect, as the one-day strike called by the trade unions two days ago! showed. Though ecocomie growth has been fast, its benefits have not been distributed to everyone, and un-employment is high.

The strike marked a damaging break between the mod-ernizing Socialist government, therefore, it seems that Spain ing break between the modled by Felipe Gonzalez, and has re-emerged from nearly

On January 1, Spain will assume the presidency of the EEC Council of Ministers. For Madrid.

writes Peter Strafford, this will be a high point of its growing participation in international affairs

the Socialist-dominated General Workers' Unioo (UGT). spots of the autumn has been At the same time, there is an imbalance on the political scene, because the Spanish right, loog in power under Franco, is still trying to overan exhibition of paintings and drawings by Goya, which shows him as a representative of the Enlightenment, the generation that wanted to reform Spain at the end of the 18th century, before the French occupation and the restoration of the Bowhens It shows in the visibly come its disunity and present an effective challenge to the

> sive days of the old regime. During the years of the dictatorship, from 1939 to 1975. Spain was very much All this perhaps explains the ish entry into the European isolated. It had not begun with Franco, or even with the Civil War which brought him to Community, on January 1, 1986, has been regarded. EEC membership presents, and will power, in many ways Spain had been cut off since the early present, the Spanish economy with great difficulties, includ-ing challenges to its industry, 19th century, when it began a long period of internal turmoil its agriculture and other secin the aftermath of the Napo-

ended their hopes.

restoration of the Bourbons

But so strong is the relief at the sense of once again being among the respectable countries of Europe that hardly a identified what he saw as the isolation.

two centuries of solitude. It is voice has been raised against significant that one of the high EEC membership.

In the discussions over the EEC's internal market, with its target date of 1992, and in particular since Mrs Thatcher's speech in Bruges earlier this year, Spain has declared itself an ardent European, ready to go as far and as fast as anyone in the direction of greater integration. That includes the controversial areas of social policy and monetary

On January I, Spain will take on the presidency of the EEC Council of Ministers for a six-month period in succession to Greece. This will be a high point of its return to international affairs and, with-out planning to launch any spectacular initiatives, it has been preparing carefully to make it a success.

Señor González recently

priorities for further progress in the Community's march towards 1992: fiscal harmonization, the "social dimension", monetary union, regional spending, cross-frontier TV and increased powers for the European Parliament.

Spain will also cootione to press its own particular preoccupations, such as the belief that the EEC should develop closer relations with, and give more aid to, the countries of Latin America, an area in which for historical reasons it takes a special interest; and greater involvement in the Middle East.

But 1992 is, for Spain, more than a Community target date. That year will be the 500th anniversary of Columbus's discovery of the New World. Preparations are already under way for extensive celebrations. The Olympic Barcelona in the summer, and a world fair, more specifically commemorating Columbus's Seville. Madrid itself has been declared European Cultural Capital for the year. Spain will really have emerged from its



A farewell to Francoism

leonic wars.

Since Franco's death, Spain look back to the defence arrangements. In Franco's time the prime task of the Spanish armed forces often seemed to be the control

achieved by the centre-right government that preceded the Socialists in office; but it has been controversial because in Spain Nato is often seen as a Americans, including the reprimarily American run organization, and Spanish atti- Torrejon, outside Madrid. tades to the United States tend

Like any other Europeans, the Spanish are influenced by American culture. But politically, absence from the two world wars and their sequels has meant that the Spanish tend to have a quite different view of the Americans from that of most other Europeans. They do not see them as liber-Marshall Aid.

On the contrary, the Americans are viewed as baving been the principal backers of the Franco dictatorship because of regime was alone in the world, which provided for cooperation and the establishment of American bases. Some even Francoist past.

This attitude helps to explain why Senor González and the Socialists first rejected membership of Nato and then, of the Spanish people, so in this area horizons have widened, writes Peter Strafford.

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It also explains why they insisted on negotiating a new bases agreement with the moval of the 72 F16s from

The new agreement has however, been signed this month, and arrangements for cooperation between Spanish forces and Nato commands were approved at the recent Nate ministerial conference in Brussels. Also, this autumn Spain became a member of the Western European Union, 2 move which presented no political difficulties because WEU is a purely European organization and is seen as a military counterpart of the

the 1953 agreement, signed at the effect of putting not only a time when the Spanish Spain's defence arrangements, but its foreign policy gen-erally, on a completely new basis, unencumbered by the FELIPE GONZALEZ, E.E.C. PRESIDENT

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Why the Rock is still an obstacle

Relatioos between Britaio and Spaio have a long and tangled history, as this year's 400th anniversary of the Spanish Armada has shown. But with Spain now a democracy, and a member of both the EEC and Nato, relations are as close as they have ever been.

The sticking point, as always, remains Gibraltar. But it is noticeable that both

Londoo and Madrid are now making efforts to prevent that from standing in the way of a general improvement of rela-

This autumn, for instance, there were visits Io Spain by the Queen and Mrs Thatcher. It was the first time either a ruling British monarch or a prime minister had been in Spain, and each visit marked a

new cordiality.

The Queen and the royal family have a close personal relationship with King Juan Carlos and his family. Mrs Thatcher, a Conservative, and Felipe González, the Socialist Prime Minister of Spain, have policy differences, but they are both forceful, innovative leaders, and have a considerable degree of mutual respect.

For Spain, relations with Britain form part of its new nelwork of contacts. For Britain, Spain is both an ally and a commercial partner, since its relatively large and fast-growing economy provides openings for British goods and services.

British exports to Spain have grown healthily in recent years, and there has been ao increase in British investment. But the activities of Britain's main competitors - France, West Germany and Italy have grown even faster, so that more could be done.

How far British trade results are affected by the Gibraltar issue is unclear. But the fact is that there has been some success in reducing tensions over the issue. Spanish offici-



which led to the reopening of the Spanish-Gibraltar border and to yearly talks at min-isterial level on Gibraltar's including future sovereignty.

Since then, there has been the 1987 air traffic agreement by which passengers travelling to or from Spain could use Gibraltar airport without going through Gibraltar's con-trols. This has run into difficulties because the Gibraltarians have refused to accept it, and it has not gone into effect. The election last March of Joe Bassano, who is strongly opposed to the agreement, as Gibraltar Chief Minister, has made a solution more difficult.

The Spanish view is that Britain should persuade, or compel, the Gibraltar government to accept the agreement. The British reply is that the Spanish have to persuade the Gibraltarians of their good intentioos, and that they should be patient.

They point out that Gibral tar has been British for nearly 300 years, and that for nearly 20 years, by order of Franco, the Gibraltarians were subjected to a blockade. So it is bound to take time before there is a change of attitude.

Peter Strafford

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Challenge from the unions

he 24-hour general strike. called by the trade unions two days ago pointed up one of the ironies in the Spanish political situation. After six years in power, the main challenge to the Socialist government of Felipe González has come, not from the Spanish right, but from the Socialists' comrades-in-arms in the

The strike, the first of its kind since the 1930s—and causing all the more political reverberations because of that - was called by Spain's two main trade union confederations. One, the General Workers' Union (UGT), has always been closely tied to the government party, the Spanish Socialist Workers Party (PSOE).

But Nicolas Redondo, secretary-general of the UGT, took the unusual step of allying himself with his old rivals, the communist-led Workers' Commissions (CCOO), against the Socialist government because he considered the government's economic and labour policies "anti-

It is not unusual for a Socialist or Labour government to find itself up against such opposition. In the Spanish case, the split in the ranks of the Socialists is the result of Señor

Though the Socialists have had strong support from the unions, the workers are now taking industrial action that causes distinct

problems for the government, writes Harry Debelius

Gonzalez' gradual shift to the right from the time of the PSOE's first post-Franco party congress 12 years

During the more than two decades since he first joined the Socialist Youth movement in 1962, Señor González, now 46, has repeatedly surprised acquaintances by his adaptability and his seemingly effortless political skill. But the trajectory of his rising star has been consistently from left to right.

The stategy has had its results. If a general election were held in Spain tomorrow, Señor González would easily win a third term. This holds true despite the fact that nearly 20 per cent of the nation's labour force is out of work, that rampant crime and growing drug addiction are matters of widespread public concern, that inflation is running several points above the original official estimate for 1988, that exports are dropping and imports rising and that the trade union, UGT, has now

turned against the government to

side with the Communists.

The paradox is explained by two facts: first, the parliamentary opposition is in complete disarray, and second. Señor González has a disarming manner which inspires confidence and tranquillizes his followers even when he is veering to the right of the political course they want him to take.

Under his leadership the PSOE has become hig enough to win elections, but it has thrown overboard its ideological ballast hit by bit to become a centre party with social-democratic ambitions. This has widened its appeal, but some old-time party members, class-conscious trade unionists and fervent marxists cannot reconcile themselves to the change.

It has also presented difficulties for the Spanish right, trying to present an effective alternative. Antonio Hernández Mancha, president of the conservative People's Alliance (AP), the biggest opposition party, says that many of the Socialist

government's policies, such as the liberalization of employment and the restructuring of obsolete industries, are supported by business people and right-wing voters

"It is as if Neil Kinnock de-nationalized British Steel," he said recently. "What would the British unions say to that?"

Moreover, AP is now racked by a damaging internal struggle between Señor Hernández Mancha and its founder and former president, Manuel Fraga Iribarne, the autocratic former minister of Franco, and former ambassador to Britain, who resigned the post of president of AP to make way for Señor Hernández Mancha, but has now announced his desire to return to save the party.

The battle will be fought out at a special party conference next month, with the odds on Senor Fraga to make a comeback. Whatever the outcome, there seems little chance of other centre-orientated parties joining AP in a coalition.

Adolfo Suarez - modern Spain's first democratically elected prime minister - has recently made something of a personal comeback and is pursuing a policy of non-alignment on national issues. He is trying to present his Social Democratic Centre (CDS) party as the alternative to more Socialist rule, notwithstanding the fact that, in numerical terms, it is practically non-existent

The tiny Christian Democracy (DC) party, recently revived by the hardworking Javier Ruperez, is anathema to Señor Fraga; while some other centre or centre-right parties put regional political goals above national ones. These include the Basque Nationalist Party (PNV) and Convergence and Union (CiU). which is in power in the region of Catalonia.

Despite the disarray on the right and the squabbles on the left, Spain is in no danger of going communist. The Communists have seen to that by embroiling themselves in endless disputes which have split the original Spanish Communist Party (PCE) into about half a dozen parties, some of which, according to a conservative politician's jibe, could be brought around because



Prime Minister González: Gradual shift to the right since the first post-Franco party congress 12 years ago

Media groups shape up for the TV share-out

through a period of rapid change, with bright new prospects for some and dangers for those who do not meet the challenge, writes Harry Debelius.

The main emphasis is on television, where competition is to be permitted for the state television monopoly. But forecasts that overall readership, and advertising revenue, will increase in the daily press, particularly the business-news dailies, mean there is increased activity there too.

In TV, a new, rather restrictive law provides that three privately owned networks will start operating little more than a year from now, in competition with the nationwide government-run RTVE (Spanish Radio and Television Network) channels and with regional channels operated by local authorities in Catalonia, Galicia, the Basque Country and

Mexico's Televisa has stolen a march on them all. After the failure this year, only months after it started, of Canal 10, a Spanishbacked cable TV service which broadcast via satellite from London, Televisa began beaming Galavisión, a 24-hour daily programme in Spanish, into Spain via satellite on December 6, for the benefit of the growing number of Spaniards with satellite disbes. Among the first to install a movable dish at his home was the man who long resisted authorizing private TV, Felipe González.

The new private TV networks will be required by law to use RTVE's earth-bound transmission and relay installations. The joh of improving them so that they become capable of handling the additional traffic is not expected to be completed until late next year. Bids are expected to be called

long queue, hut there are surely more potential hidders than franchises, according to Antonio Asensio, chairman of the Barcelona-based Zeta group, which

claims to be Spain's largest group

of media companies. He said

for in early 1989 for the three available franchises. There is not a hut it isn't so restrictive as some people say. We are going for one of the new channels."

> He is not sure that all three of the soon-to-be-selected commercial TV companies will survive, but is determined that Zeta's will.

"Bear in mind," he added, "that it will be much cheaper to use the public broadcast-relay installations than to create our own. And do not forget that private TV has weapons which the state's TV does not. For instance, Spanish TV now employs 14,000 persons. We

can do the joh with 750." be a contender.

Changing media: The publications market is basy and state TV is facing competition for the first time

Of the other Spanish companies which may hope to pick up one of the three franchises, most of the eligible ones have either been coy or claimed to have lost interest, hut one of the most likely bidders was Antenna 3, which has already huilt a TV studio. Prisa, the group which is centred on the quality Madrid daily, El Pais, and which vies with Zeta in size, could also

Likewise the trend-setting 16 group, whose publications include Spain's veteran news magazine, Cambio-16, and the Madrid daily, Diario-16, may opt for a TV franchise. None of them will do it alone; the law limits the share which may be owned by a company or individual who already owns other media to 25 per cent.

Meanwhile, among newspapers fairly widespread conviction that the readership and advertising revenue of Spain's daily press are bound to rise has publishers jockeying for position before European economic integration. The Financial Times recently bought 35 per cent of the businessnews daily, Expansion, and Dow-Jones has bought a significant share of its competitor, 5 Dias.

A long-established provincial newspaper company, Editorial Bilbao, emerged on the scene last autumn as the nucleus of a big new newspaper group, whose com-bined daily total of copies sold -462,933 - surpasses the figure for El Pais which is Spain's most successful newspaper.

There is also jostling in the crowded magazine market. Hachette of France and G+J of Germany have lately increased their investments in the Spanish magazine market. And this year Spain's successful gossip magazine, Hola!, launched Hello!, an English version, in the UK.

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Holiday Offers at Ritz Call for Good Appetite



The twelve days of Christmas are worth carolling about at Madrid's incomparable Hotel Ritz, where special yuletide programmes combine exquisite food with the flawless service and aristocratic surroundings that have made this hotel one of the world's most elegant.

The first of the Ritz' special yuletide programmes begins with a limousine ride on Christmas Eve from the airport to the hotel, where guests are to be welcomed with what the management calls a few "courtesies:" a bottle of Sherry, almond paste, a typical Spanish Christmas sweet; a basket of fruit, chocolates and a stylish Ritz bag.

Then there is an optional visit to the Prado Museum (across the street), which houses one of the world's most extensive collections of old masters, followed by Christmas Eve dinner at the justly renowned Ritz Restaurant. Bring an appetite; the special menu includes bouchées of salmon and caviar, squab consommé with ginger, sea bass stuffed with lobster, lamb noisettes, stuffed pears in Champagne, and a few other sinful-sounding nibbles.

Churchgoers can take in another optional event: Roman Catholic midnight mass at the 17th century Los Jerónimos church (less than one hlock away). The original monastery on this site was founded in 1503, and this church has always been favoured by the Spanish royal family. It is still the scene of many a high society wedding. After mass, a good night's sleep in a perfectly

On Christmas day, Sunday, an American style breakfast and/or a hefty brunch are part of the programme. That night, there is a choice of a ballet performance or dinner and a flamenco show.

Boxing Day offers the opportunity for a visit to Toledo, the medieval seat of empire which still looks much as it did when El Greco-painted it, or to Aranjuez, site of the summer palace where Spain's kings and queens used to spend their holidays. Once back at the hotel, a limousine is waiting to take guests to the airport.

A New Year's programme, running from New/Year's Eve, a Saturday this year, through Monday, January 2, offers similar refinements, plus a Champagne reception, followed by a gala New Year's Eve dinner with live entertainment and a ball that goes on until it is time for a special Ritz breakfast.

The Ritz Restaurant, under the inspired leadership of Mr. Patrick Buret, the Chef, is preparing more mouth-watering meals for the night of January 5, the eve of the Epiphany, known to Spaniards as Kings' Day. This is the day on which, according to tradition, the Three Kings from the East bring presents to Spanish children, and adults too; so, despite the fact that it comes so long after Christmas, it is still very much a part of the holiday season. It does not have to be Christmas time, of course, to revel in the refinement of the Ritz, where the level of service is reflected by the fact that there are more staff members than there are rooms. You do not need a special occasion to make yourself at home in rooms and suites with specially designed hand woven woollen carpets and real antique furnishings. Luxurious tapestries and statuary in the public rooms remind you that this is more than a hotel; it is a place where those who are accustomed to the highest standards of service, decor and discretion feel at home.

From February through May there is a treat for music-lovers: concerts on one Saturday and one Sunday of each month in the elegant upper hall, which has surprisingly good acoustics. Season tickets, encompassing four dinners and four concerts or four high teas with concerts, are available, as well as individual tickets for each of the four tea concerts.

Throughout the Autumn and much of the Winter, the Ritz offers organized private shooting trips at an estate owned by the Duke of Fernán Núñez just one hour's drive south of Madrid. The package consists of four days and three nights of accommodation at the Ritz; gifts including a basket of fruit, firsh lowers and an embroidered Ritz bathrobe; two days of shooting with all the necessary licenses and permits taken care of (and a generous bag limit of up to 500 patridges per day per party of eight to 12 guns); transport to, from and on the estate, one guide-interpreter per party throughout the stay, full American breakfasts, luncheous either at the manor house of the La Flamenca estate in Aranjuez or at the Ritz Restaurant, dinners at the Ritz and a night out at a Flamenco show in Madrid with dinner included. Of course, shooting programmes need not follow the set pattern; the can be tailored to the individual requirements of guests.

By the same token, you do not have to know how to shoot your own meal to enjoy the taste of game in season. A whole month of game menus for gastronomes ended just a few weeks ago at the Ritz, but the experience will surely be repeated in 1989. To mention just a few, among the epicarean specialnes served in the series were wild duck consommé with beets, grilled wild boar chops with cranberries, hare in applejack sauce, saddle of venison in cream gravy and partridge stuffed with dates and nuts.

In good weather, which means from early Spring through late Autumn in Madrid's reliably sunny climate, meals are served in the Ritz garden as well as in the adjoining room. For those who prefer to vary their eating habits, there are copious Sunday brunches in the American style (with such exotic delicacies as Virginia ham and corn fritters), ample afternoon teas, and that tempting Spanish culinary institution, tapas. Drinks somehow taste more refreshing in the shade of the bright blue and white parasols or the stout old magnolia and chestnut trees.

The brunches are evidence of the efforts on the part of the Ritz management to keep up with the times without lowering the standard of excellence. Other concessions to the modern world which will be appreciated by busy and discriminating travellers are individual fax machines in the bedrooms on request, direct-dial telephones, doubte-glazed windows to keep out raffic noise colour television in the rooms, and the large marble-walled bathrooms, with "his" and "her" washbasins. The fixtures in many of the bathrooms are the original solid brass ones installed when the hotel was built in 1910 at the instigation of King Alfonso XIII, the grandiather of the present King, Juan Carlos L



Battle of the deficit

be dilemma facing the Spanish economy is that it needs to grow more than the economies of the other countries in the European Community because it has more catching up to do.

The faster growth was achieved in 1987 and again this year with annual growth rates of more than 5 per cent. But there are still striking differences with the rest of the EEC, not least Spain's un-employment which, at 18.9 per cent of the workforce, is now the EEC's highest; and Spain's infrastructure and public services are among the EEC's less developed.

Furthermore, inflation, which is now running at an annual rate of 5.1 per cent and exceeds even the second target set for 1988 by the government of Felipe González, needs to be reduced to average

EEC rates of around 3 per cent. Otherwise Spanish industry, which is already functioning at a disadvantage because of the small size of the companies compared to the EEC average, and which, partly in consequence, has a low level of technology and poor marketing capacity, will be even

As it is, Spain is running a \$2.5 billion to \$3 billion (£1.4 billion to £1.6 billion) current account deficit this year after four years in surplus. This is in spite of a 10 per

Striking a balance between encouraging much

needed economic growth and controlling

inflation is a minefield at the best of times,

writes Jane Monahan. But now the trades unions seem to be complicating matters

the first 10 months of this year, and direct foreign investments amounting to almost \$2 billion in the first half of the year, which was 42 per cent more than in the first half of 1987.

It shows that this combined income is no longer enough to compensate for the yawning gap in the country's trade — the trade deficit was \$15 billion (£8 billion) at the end of September, 27 per cent more than a year ago - and for the growing indebtedness of the private Spanish companies

The last two developments are related, as more than half of all Spain's merchandise imports now consists of machinery, office equipment and transport materials bought by Spanish businessmen keen to increase their factories' productive capacity before the single European market is introduced in 1992.

José Maria Cuevas, the chairman of Spain's businessmen's confederation, says that one reason why these goods are now being bought abroad is that foreign lines of credit are cheaper. In contrast, the rates of interest for Spanish credit are now one-third higher than the EEC's average.

The existing high rates of in-terest also make it impractical for the Bank of Spain to raise interest any further, which is a typical measure adopted by a country's central bank when it wants to bring down inflation by dampening demand. In Spain, such a measure would be counterproductive.

As well as cutting demand it would also slow down Spanish investment in industry, which has been a principal factor underpinning the country's economic boom, rising an unprecedented 44 per cent in the three years to the

At the same time, the 300,000 jobs a year that the economy has created during each of the last three years would stop if interest

It is also the González government's view that it cannot reduce inflation by curbing government spending - another classic antiinflationary move - as the planned 18 per cent increase in

budget expenditure next year, and a huge 40 per cent planned increase in public works investment, are essential if Spain is to modernize its roads, railways and airports in time for the Barcelona Olympics in 1992, the Seville World Fair the same year, and Europe's single market the following year.

Not only that, but the renewed boom in the construction industry, caused by these projects, together with the massive invest-ment in industrial plant, are the two reasons why the EEC Com-mission is predicting that the Spanish economy will gn on growing at above average Com-munity rates up to 1993.

Also the government's budget deficit in 1989, at 2.7 per cent of GNP, is still going to be less than the 3 per cent this year mainly because of more efficient tax collection and more indirect taxes on items such as tobacco.

Striking a balance between growth and inflation that is good for an economy gearing itself up for greater competition is a minefield at the best of times. However, now that the country's



Wheel of fortune: though the Spanish car industry is growing it is now controlled by five multinationals

main communist and socialist trades unions have embarked on a series of strikes, beginning with the general strike on December 14. there is a risk of the whole house collapsing. At least that is how the unions' stand is being depicted by

On their side, the unions are angry, first because Carlos Solchaga, the Economy Minister, has proposed to employers that pay rises next year should be held at 5 per cent, in line with inflation. They say that now that banks and companies are enjoying excep-

tional profits (the pre-tax profits of private companies soared 65 per cent on average in 1987). Spanish workers are entitled to more substantial pay rises.

Secondly, the unions object to a government scheme aimed at providing young Spaniards with 800,000 jobs over the next three years, because the work contracts involved are temporary and at a minimum wage.

Meanwhile, with Spanish companies still slow to take the initiative, foreigners are continuing to establish positions in the market (mainly by purchasing Spanish companies), and they are now established in all areas starred to do well in Europe's single market.

Spain's car industry, for instance, is now controlled by five multinationals. Foreigners control more than 50 per cent of the sales in the food, paper, pharmaceutical and chemical industries. They have total control in advanced industries such as computers. And more than 40 banks established in the country are now foreign.

The delights and dangers of buying a home



Country idyll: village homes at Cuesta La Palma near Malaga

ans were attracted by the then the purchaser's behalf; his very low property prices and client is the vendor. the even lower cost of living.

The British boom did not begin until 1979, when the newly-elected Conservative government abolished exchange control regulations.

Eighty per cent of British buyers still opt for Spain, and particularly the Costa del Sol.

Property in the Marbella region, thanks to the Arabinflux of the early 1980s, is now on a par with that of central London. But both the Costa Brava and the Costa Blanca have properties at up to one-quarter the price of a comparable unit in Marbella - where a two-bedroom flat costing £150,000 is the norm

rather than the exception.

The situation along the northern Costa Brava is bound to change during the run-up to the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, as the yachting events will be held there.

The World Trade Fair in Seville will also be held in 1992, but it is unlikely to have the same effect on property, at least for foreigners. The Costa de la Luz as yet holds little appeal for non-Spaniards.

The re-opening of the Span-ish-Gibraltar border in Feb-ruary 1985 opened up the hitherto unspoilt end of the Costa del Sol, and land prices have been rising at a steady 30

per cent a year since.

The buying of holiday homes in Spain has not been without serious problems for some people, and these are the subject of a draft report by Edward McMillan-Scott, Member of the European Parliament for Yorkshire. Mr McMillan-Scott, who

has long campaigned to regu-larize the Spanish property market, takes the view that while many problems result from the failure of the buyer to seek professional advice, there are also serious shortcomings in the Spanish legal system.

The judicial system in

Spain is in a state of near-collapse", he told *The Times*, "as the Spanish themseives recognize. Last year the Spanish newspaper, El Pais, warned of impending 'judicial collapse'. In my own experi-ence in the court of Denia am aware of some 94 denuncias, which are in the main from UK buyers against two Span-ish developers who sold prop-erties with substantial hidden

Many problems arise as a direct result of the purchaser being ill advised. Estate agents discourage buyers from seek-ing independent legal and financial advice - usually by saying that it is unnecessary and a waste of money, and

Buying leisure homes in Spain that they, the agents, will act began in earnest in the mid-1970s when northern Europe-is that no sales agent acts on

The Institute of Foreign

 Under-declaration of the price of the property on the escritura (registered title deed). This is now illegal, yet many agents persuade buyers to under-declare because a

percentage tax is levied. Difficulties in reaching agreement among owners most of whom are absent for most of the year - on such administrative matters as painting the outside.

• Unfinished buildings or facilities, promised but never built, perhaps because the developer becomes bankrupt. One of the more common causes of a buyer losing his home is that the property

What may at first seem a high gross rental income

usually ends up at half that expected

concerned is mortgaged by the developer; he then enters into a private contract with an unsuspecting buyer, who pays the whole amount. Should the vendor go bust, the bank has first charge on the property. Provided proper care is taken, however, and a rep-

utable agent is used, purchasing procedures are straight-forward. The Law Society in London has a list of solicitors

specializing in Spanish law.
Purchasers wishing for an annual return on their investment would be advised to buy in an established resort, and into a scheme where the management company has regular contracts with tour operators. What seems an extremely high gross rental income usually ends up, bow-ever, at roughly half at the end

of the day.

Commission to the managing and rental agent is around 20 per cent; and outgoings such as cleaning, lighting and general maintenance will account for a further percentage, as will local Spanish taxes.

A regular rental income should cover all the outgoings on the property, including insurance and service charges, and if all goes well leave enough to pay for the owner and his family's holidays. But it is sensible not to

count on covering mortgage repayments, and to consider any such extra income as a

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AUTONOMOUS REGIONS

Spain's very diverse regions, and the division of power between them and the central government in Madrid, have been a constant theme in Spanish history. Since the death of Franco in

They are: Basque Country (population 2.1 million), Catalonia (6 million), Galicia (2.8m), Andelusia (2.8m), Asturias (1.1m), Cantabria (0.5m), Rioja (0.2m), Murcia (1m), Valencia (3.7m), Aragon (1.2m), Castile-La Mancha (1.6m) 1975 and the restoration of democracy, extensive powers La Mancha (1.6m), Canary Islands (1.4m), Navarre (0.5m), Estremadura (1m), Balearic Is-lands (0.6m), Madrid (4.9m), over such areas as education, health and local infrastructure have been given to 17 regions, Castile and Leon (2.6m).

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for better holidays f a good part of your last Spanish holiday was **Harry Debelius** spent in airports waiting sees hope for the for delayed flights, take

Barcelona harbour, with a model of Christopher Columbus's ship, the Santa María. Bur-

Clearing the airways

in greater cooperation in the skies

harassed traveller

Minister of Transport, Tour-ism and Communications, and Ignacio Fuejo, the Sec-retary General of Tourism. nearly all flights to Spain from European cities must pass. One such measure might conferred in London earlier this month with reprefacilitate the use of air "ehansentatives of tour operators nels" across parts of Italy at and charter airlines to find times when traffie over France solutions (including one of the is especially intense. simplest, to schedule more

heart. Businessmen and

administration officials are

actively seeking ways to re-duce the inconveniences of

Jose Barrionuevo, Spain's

"overbooked skies".

traffic congestion.

On the ground, improvemid-week departures and rement and enlargement proturns) to summer-weekend air grammes for certain husy panish airports, such as Señor Fuejo said that the Palma de Mallorca, where an Madrid government and those additional terminal will be in service next year, have been of several other countries are aiming to achieve more unispeeded up.

Notwithstanding air traffic jams, Señor Fuejo is confident fied control of European air traffic in order to avoid bottlenecks on customary air traffic that Spain will continue to be routes. They would eventually a major Mediterranean tourist like to see all Western Europe destination. He claims Spain's tied into a single computoffer of tourist beds is vastly erized air traffie information greater than that of competing countries; it offers better value for money and it benefits from Spanish civil aviation auwell-established relations bethorities also hope to adopt bilateral measures, especially tween foreign tour operators with France, over which and Spanish businessmen.

Fuejo has good news for fans of Spain's excellent chain of paradores, the state-run inns, many of which are old palaces, monasteries, convents or historic castles. After several years during which the paradores underwent a physical and administrative renovation to put them on a profit-making basis, and no new ones were opened, the authorities have now given the goahead for the creation of four

They are in elegant old palaces or stout-walled medieval fortresses in four cities: Seville, monumental Caceres in the west, the surrealistic cliff-hanging town of Cuenca in the east central part of the country, and Sanlucar de Barrameda, a charming, bougainvillea-draped town at the mouth of the Guadalquivir which is the home of Manzanilla wine. Do not try to book into these new paradores in 1989, however. They will not be ready for at least a

season or two. If yon are an independent traveller you can upstage your friends by visiting some of the vast, empty beaches, cool green mountains and ancient monuments of the province of Cadiz. The Bay of Cadiz, and destinations inland from there, constitute an area which is destined to become one of the most carefully developed

in all Spain. Lessons learnt elsewhere, and increasingly serious con-

• Regional and national administrations are offering enticements for developers who can meet high

standards 9

trol by authorities over what may be huilt and where, will, it is hoped, preserve the natural beauties of the area while making it more attractive in terms of activities and lodging. Quality is the aim in a number of new projects there, and regional and national administrations are offering

enticements for developers who can meet high standards. The most ambitious development is Puerto Sherry, a leisure complex which includes the largest yacht basin for pleasure craft on this side of the Atlantic. It is at Puerto de Santa Maria in the heart of the sherry district and about seven miles from Jerez.

Senor Fuejo's department continues to be interested in promoting visits by Americans, even in these times of a devalued dollar. But it has to deal with a "mahana and banana" perception of Spain, which is unaware of its Old World refinements, its ancient monuments and its contributions to Western culture.

The problem seems less acute as far as Japan - the other land of the big spenders

— is concerned, whose holidaymakers Spain is trying to attract in greater numbers. By some strange affinity, Span-iards and Nipponese hit it off so well that there are first-rate Japanese flamenco dancers and players of the Spanish guitar. Travellers from the Land of the Rising Sun find Spain more exotic and they tend to get deeper under its skin than many Europeans do.

Two big events in 1992 should do a lot to dispel the image of a backward Spain, provided they take place without any major hitches. They are the Summer Olympics in Barcelona and Expo-92, the world fair, in Seville Special lines of credit are currently being made available for the construction of new hotels and other tourist amenities in those two cities.

While promoting Spain on other continents is important, says Señor Fuejo: "We have no intention of overlooking our best customers, the Europeans, including of course the British, nearly seven million of whom visited us in the first 10 months of this year."

The art of making a lively capital move

London or Paris, it has the advantage of being contained within a relatively manageable area, with a population of

some five million. They have invented a word to describe the vitality of post-Franco Madrid: la movida. Here everything is "moving" (except the cars). Much of the credit for this must go to the late Mayor, Enrique Tierno Galvan, known as "the Old Professor", who died in 1986. Witty, urbane and coura-geous, Tierno "galvanised" the city into action, true to his second surname.

The promotion of the arts played a major part in Tierno Galvan's plans for Madrid. His efforts, along with those of the Ministry of Culture, are now bearing fruit. People are aware, particularly, that Madrid's great north-south central avenue, the Castellana, which stretches for over six kilometres, is now one of the most arr-orientated thoroughfares in the world.

A tour down this "cultural axis" could suitably begin in the Plaza de San Juan de la Cruz, at the Natural Science Museum, whose elegant, 19th century dome is a landmark. A bit further south, at Castellana 51, the Catalan Savings Bank has been mounting outstanding exhibitions of Spanish and foreign painting over the last few years, while, a stone's throw away, the Banco Exterior de España. at number 32, also holds exhibitions of high quality.

But it is in the Plaza de Colón ("Columbus Square") that the Castellana's art scene really moves into top gear. Here, under the park, is the subterranean Madrid Cultural Centre, where concerts, poetry recitals, theatre, pupper plays and art shows all flourish. Alongside is the National Library, whose Picasso Rooms, where exhibitions are frequently held, have become a mecca for art enthusiasts.

From here south it is culture all the way. Within a small area we have not only the Prado itself, with its uncountable riches, but the Casón del

adrid today is duen Retiro, its appendage, one of the liveli- which houses the gallery's est capitals in 19th century collection as well Europe. Unlike as Picasso's Guernica.

Moreover, arrangements have just been made for the Prado to take over the nearhy Army Museum, whose collection will move to Toledo, while across the avenue, on the corner of the Plaza de Castelar, with its famous Neptune fountain, the gallery has acquired new premises at the Villahermosa Palace, where the Thyssen Collection is to be installed.

Immediately south of the Prado lies the Botanical

Madrid has on offer a series of excellent exhibitions

Garden, made at the end of the 18th century by the civi-lised Charles III. Exhibitions are often held in its pavilion. To round it all off, at the

end of the Castellana opposite Atocha station is the Queen Sofia Arts Centre, opened in 1986 in a huge converted 18th century hospital miraculously saved from the pickaxe.

The centre has three main functions: to bring modern art to the notice of the general public, stimulate artistic creativity and promote contact with movements in other countries. Moreover, it seems that the Spanish Contemporary Art Museum (now on the outskirts of the city) is to be moved to the Queen Sofia.

The galleries and museums grouped along the great avenue are only a part, it must be added, of what is happening in

There are also the activities at the Fine Arts Circle, just off the Castellana in Alcalá Street and at the Juan March Foundation; the recently opened National Music Auditorium; the Conde Duque Cultural Centre (on the western edge of town); and the many commercial galleries.

At the moment Madrid has on offer a series of excellent exhibitions, British Painting from Hogarth to Turner, at the Prado, which is packing them in; masterpieces from the Phillips Collection from Washington at the Queen Sofia; Charles III and the Enlightenment at the Velazquez Palace in the Retiro Park: Goya and the Spirit of the Enlightenment at the Villahermosa Palace; the Leo Castelli collection at the Juan March Foundation; and The Alliance of Two Monarchies: Wellington in Spain at the Municipal Museum.

To cap it all, from December 19 we will be able to see the Matisse in Russian Collections show at the Queen Sofia. Ian Gibson

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Catalonia has 12 ski resorts with 20,000 beds and it is closer and cheaper than Austria for British skiers — but how many of them know that?

Not enough of them, but more than before, according to Scnyor Alejandro Betoret Ferrer, Director General of the Catalan Tourist Promotion Consortium.

Seeing to it that snow-lovers as well as other potential visitors realize what Catalonia has to office is a full-time job for Senyor Betoret. It is not that he finds it hard to convince people of the wonders of his region; it is just that there are lots of people to convince and many of them do not even know where Catalonia is.

Senyor Betoret is so busy singing the praises of his land abroad that he has little time to enjoy its advantages himself. London was one of his latest stops; there he supervised a stand and promittional activities at the Daily Mail Ski Show. In close cooperation with businessmen from the various winter resorts in the autonomous region of Catalonia, he spread the word that these ski spots are not overcrowded, that they have been greatly improved as a result of investments totalling nearly three billion pesetas (about pounds 14.6 million) over the past four years, and that they have something no other country's resorts have: the Spanish sun.

"We hope to encourage tour operators to sell Catalan ski holidays," explained Senyor Betoret during one of his brief stops in his office here; "We have to get across the advantages of skiing in Catalonia, where we not only have the essentials like mechanical lifts and snow cannons to help nature's coverage when necessary, but we also have, for example, a great many of the finest Romanesque churches in the world."

The most famous of the Catalan ski resorts is Baqueira-Beret, in the Aran Valley, where sportsman King Juan Carlos and his family take a holiday every Winter. It has 18 lifts, and its longest runs drop from an altitude of 2,500m. to 1,500m. There are 25 runs altogether, some for beginners. In the late Spring, after most of the snow has melted, hunters and hang-gliders take over on the slopes, and fishermen pull fat trout from the streams and lakes.

Only five km. away from Baqueira-Beret is La Tuca, where the total vertical drop is 1,130m. and there are nine lifts with a capacity of 3,990 passengers per hour. After Winter ends, fourwheel drive vehicles can be hired at nearby Viella to take you deep into the rugged mountains.

Another skiers' venue, popular with weekend trippers from Barcelona, is Espot, with a total vertical drop of 870 meters and four lifts. Espot and Super Espot (two km. up the road) dominate the lovely Espot Valley, a wonderland of natural lakes and rushing streams. The Aignas Tortes and San Mauricio Lake National Park, Spain's second largest, is reachable from Espot. About 45 kilometers south of Espot, at Sort, is another resort, Llessui, with 30 km. of runs

La Molina, with a total vertical drop of 1,107m, and 18 lifts, three ski-jumps and two stadiums, is reachable by rail from Barcelona or France. There is even an airport, but for light planes only, at Alp, eight km. away.

The other Catalan resorts are Aranser, at Lles, near Gerona; Masella, near Alp: Núria, at Queralbs, near Gerona; Port del Comte, at La Coma i la Pedra, near Lerida; Rasos de Peguera, at Berga, near Gerona; Sant Joan de l'Erm, at Montferrer i Castellbó, near Lerida, and Vallter 2000,

Five days of skiing and a weekend in Barcelona or somewhere else on the Mediterranean, suggests Senyor Betoret, would make an ideal one-week winter holiday in Catalonia.

Skiing, of course, is only one of the many things the Consortium promotes. The Costa Brava beaches, already popular with holidaymakers from the U.K.; Barcelona's music, theatre and museums; Catalonia's unique cuisine and its fine wines, which are earning just recognition around the world; its roots in ancient history, and — for a more up-to-date note — the preparations for the 1992 Olympic Games which are to be held in the Catalan capital, are high on the list of attractions of this proud region, bounded on the north by the Pyrenees, on the east by the Mediterranean and on the west by the region of Aragon.

The Consortium was designed as a support for all kinds of tourist-promotion activities. One-half of its members are employed by the Generalitat and the other half are businessmen from the tourism sector. Its President is Senyor Angel Miguel Sans, who is also Director General of Tourism of the Generalitat, the Catalan autonomous government.

"The Generalizat considered that private businessmen had been making a tremendous effort on their own to sell Catalan tourism for many years," Senyor Betoret continued, "so it decided to create an entity to give them some help. Although its makeup is half business and half official, it is financed by the Generalitat. Any businessman in the sector can call on the Consortium for promotional help.

"The advantage is that while it is public, it can make decisions quickly, and all its decisions are made after listening to the most affected or interested parties. All its actions are subject to control by the administration."

The Consortium has three major objectives at present: first, to spread out the tourist season in Catalonia in order to keep tourist-related industries busy as much of the year as possible; second, to improve the quality of the tourist product, and, third, to stimulate more visits to the

The Consortium is currently concentrating its efforts on Europe, although its aim is worldwide promotion. It takes part in about 40 tourist trade fairs per year. It also brings four or five travel writers to Catalonia every week to show them why the region deserves a special mention in their respective media. It sponsors promotional contests on television in several European countries. It offers special discount programs in the hope of inspiring word-of-mouth promotion of Catalonia's charms, such as the current one which gives civil servants of the European Community 50% off.

"We'll extend the offer later in other selected groups," Sr. Betoret revealed.





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former hairdresser from Kingstoo-upon-Thames is now lovingly creating many specialized products in wood on Tyneside — from a conductor's rostrum to a replica of a Model A Ford estate car. "I grew tired of talking to myself in the mirror," says Stuart Solomon, aged 38. It was, he added, a love of creating things with his hands that

caused him to make the switch. Mr Solomon actually hails from that other Kingston - Kingston-upon-Hull. And with relatives in Newcastle-upon-Tyne he chose that city to launch his new business, One by One, from a council-owned workshop unit in Byker. "A workshop in the South would cost an arm and a leg", he

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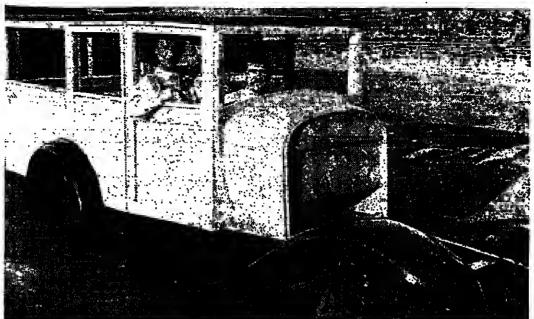
says. "But here in Newcastle I pay a low rent to help me get established. It really doesn't matter where I turn out the kind of products I make."

Mr Solomoo's range is diverse, from a model of a display stand for a major oil company which was created, finally, full-size at the National Exhibition Centre, to a cheval mirror—and, of course, the car. "I have always loved creating things, even though I have had no formal training," he says.

For 16 years, while he was in Kingston-upon-Thames, he found an outlet for his artistry through hairdressing. But always, in the background, he was making things in wood and in plastic and eventually the idea dawned that he could turn his hobby into a paying business. He sold his hairdressing shop and headed north.

Io October last year he moved into the enterprise workshop here. Low rent protects him to some extent from the chill of start-up costs. He had hardly installed his equipment when his first cus-tomer walked in, to order components for educational toys.

It would be wrong to suggest that everything has gone easily since then. Work has come steadily but not profusely. The scale model of the exhibition stand was followed by another for the Ideal Home Exhibition and the conductor's rostrum was built an orchestra in the Scottish



Stuart Solomon (left) and Gordon Winwood in their Model A Ford replica

borders. But it is the creation of a wooden-bodied Model A Ford of literally, his biggest challenge to date. Teaming up with Gordon Winwood of Custom Design Engineering in an adjoining workshop, Mr Solomon has built the maple body while Mr Winwood has provided the engineering to

create a fully-working car.

"Only a few hundred of this particular model were made by Ford", Mr Solomon explains,

"and we are hoping that enthu-siasts will go for our vehicle. It will be built only to order with a price of around £18,000." Perhaps surprisingly, the first inquiry has come from Belgium.

Old-fashiooed craftsmanship has been matched by modern business techniques in Mr Solomoo's quest for assignments. He has conducted a local mailing shot which has produced some work and recently he took space at a Typeside trade exhibition with a

subsidy from the city council. "That was a gamble", he admits. "It meant preparing some examples of work to place on show and it meant three days away from the workshop altogether. On balance, was worth it because I had a lot of inquiries and landed a £1,200 order for a mahogany staircase."

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writes Derek Harris.

from European databases.

The scheme is being launched under the aegis of Business in the Community (BiC), the umbrella body for Britain's 300 enterprise agencies, with financing organized by BiC's Finance for Enterprise target team, chaired by Sir David Scholey, chairman of the

S.G.Warburg financial group (left). Sponsorship cash will come mainly from companies.

At first the databases will cover sources of government assistance for businesses as well as the regulations, such as health and safety, with which businesses must comply. The databases have been developed at the University of Strathclyde and are managed by a university-associated company,

The 16 agencies involved are: In England, at Blackburn, Bolton, Runcorn, St Helens, Sheffield, Doncaster, Newcastle upon Tyne, Bristol, Cambridge, Plymouth and Shropshire and in Scotland, Glasgow; and in Wales Merthyr Tydfil, Ogwr (near Bridgend) and Decside. They expect to start offering the service after the end of

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become appalling, says Daniel Ward. But there are changes on the way

aving a car serviced by a local dealer can be an expensive and inconvenient exercise which has hardly been improved to match the retailing revolution in the high street. You would be forgiven for thinking that the servicing is arranged for the sole convenience of the dealer, not the

The depressing sequence of events begins when phoning the dealer, to be told that it will be two weeks at least before an appointment can be made. If the car is oo the point of breaking down or cannot complete the two miles to school with the children with any certainty, all the most condscending receptionist will offer is,

"We will do our best to fit it in, sir."

The fateful day arrives and, in a bid to get to the office before hunchtime, you arrive at the garage at 8am when it opens. There is rarely enough space to park. If it were as difficult to park at a supermarket we would soon find an alternative place to shop.

Inside the reception office of a busy dealer, you face a queue that moves at a snail's pace as every last exacting detail — which you gave over the phooe when booking the car in — has to be repeated in order to elicit answers to searching questions such as "Where do you think the noise is coming from?" Or, "Is it more like a squeak than a rattle?"

Women, in particular, find the receptionists condescending and dislike going into dealers. Who can blame them?

My wait in the morning at a local Ford dealer used to stretch to 25 minutes, followed by a similar delay to collect the car in the evening. If, oext day, I discovered a fault in the service or, more likely, one or more of the items had oot been attended to, I had to go through the same lengthy

process again. No thought was ever given to wasting the customer's time. Once the work has been completed comes the bill, varying between £100 and £400 for a routine service. Expect to find oil charged at the sort of elevated price it would be almost impossible to pay in the high street. And you should keep a wary eye on sundry charges. For instance, the £16 engine clean you didn't ask for, or the...



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Worse is the practice of some dealers who charge a minimum of 30 minutes' labour. When a replacement for a broken wing mirror glass was clicked into place in minutes I was charged a £12 fitting cost. I became coovinced that the Mercedes dealer in question really couldn't care less bout retaining my custom.

The only possible conclusion is that there has to be a better way to have a car serviced. And there is. Tucked away at St Leonards, East

Sussex, under a sign proclaiming Fiat, though arguably the make is irrelevant, is the SLM garage, which aims to retain as service customers 75 per cent.

The garage owner, Brian Wakeford, explains: "This is a people business,

salesmen is no longer the stereotype hard-sell; it is simply to do nothing

that will deflect the

buyer from the choice he

or she made before

entering the showroom.

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Business School, reveals that a buyer will

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created is important from the first persoo you meet when coming through the door." Customer relations come first,

repairing cars second. The receptionist has an unhurried. friendly manner that is matched to considerable authority. If a customer needs a lift home or to the office one of the two full-time drivers will be

plain, the receptionist's only question is: "When can we collect the car?" Mr Wakeford says: "We have to deal with any complaints just like Marks and Spencers do."

summoned. Should a customer com-

The customer is oot expected to trail back to the dealer for the fault to be corrected. Similarly, if a regular customer has insufficient time to take the car in for service when SLM phones to remind him, it is collected from the owner's house. Any budgetminded owner who takes a sharp intake of breath wheo inquiring about the cost of a service by phone may be offered a better price by the receptionist if the workshop is slack. A rather more pragmatic approach than the familiar "If you doo't like it you know what you can do."

Waiting for a car to be readied is made as painless as possible with a comfortable, windowed scating area with newspapers. There is even a crèche for children, who consume Wakeford's supply of lollipops "by the thousand".

old, though this performance is under severe pressure from the growing oday, computers play an important role in fast service oumber of fast-fit outlets which have virtually removed the tyre/hattery/ and are vital if dealers are to exhaust custom from dealers (the agarrest the growth of fast-fit centres. Over the phone, a customer gressive newcomers are now tackling servicing and new garages know they must react; many will locate fast-fit bays aloogside the usual workshops, can be told quickly the cost of any service or fitting of major parts, and when the job can be done.

Off-the-cuff estimates, which rarely prove accurate, should be a thing of the past. Indeed, garages are slowly switching to "menu pricing" for standard services. But ask for something such as the as-fitted cost of a pair of fog-lamps and the "doo't knows' will come thick and fast.

For the car-makers, it is exasperate ing that they cannot order all their dealers to open for certain hours each week. If the parts department is open for a few hours on Saturday morning, it seems that we customers should consider ourselves lucky. However, dealers accept that fast-lit bays will have to be open long into the evening and for six or seven days a week. The signs of an encouraging change are

It has taken the well-managed competition from the fast-fit outlets to force local dealers to offer motorists a better deal - real customer service and a better price.



Style with a sporty feel

The assumption has been that the French are in their element producing smaller cars; move into the mid-range and their designers seem to be happier with soft-riding suspension rather than powerful engines, writes Daniel Ward. But it is no longer wise to assume that

German-built sporting saloons and hatchbacks are the best and that the French alternatives are second-rate: the Pengeot 205 GTi has raised the repetation of the French in this increasingly important market sector.

The new 16-valve 19L engine from PSA

(Pengeot and its sister company Citroën) puts this view to the test. It is found under the bonnet of the Citroen

BX16v and Pengeot's 405 Mi 16. They are both fast alongside rivals and very compettively priced, particularly against the German opposition. The lightweight aluminium 160 hhp French engine powers the aerodynamic Peugeot to a top speed of more than 130 mph, and 60 mph is reached from

standstill in about eight seconds. For this performance, and an equipment list that includes anti-lock brakes, electric sunroof and electric windows as standard, the price is £14,995. An Audi 90 2.2E with ABS brakes is slower and costs £3,300 more; the 16-valve VW Passat is much more tardy away from the traffic lights but with ABS is priced at £16,400.

The Mi 16 looks anything but a cut-price

model. Fine Pininfarina styling, with its ultramodern slim headlamps and raked rear screen is made to look tastefully sporty with the addition of neat alloy wheels and a small rear spoiler. Comfortable and very supportive seats and yards of red pinstriping greet the driver

The engine has a better spread of performance than many 16-valve units but it is still peaky. Using the whole 7,000 revs unleashes strong acceleration, but the penalty is a fair amount of engine noise; this subsides when cruising. Like many of today's Pengeots the gear change is light and swift but has a clonky

Top speed is 130 mph, and of satisfying precision. In town, the heavy weighting of the clutch the price includes goodies

the right balance between a comfortable ride and sporting handling is not easy for a car like the Mi 16. The result is reasonable though it does not bear comparison with the excellent Pengeot 309 GTi. At low speeds the ride is noticeably choppier than for slower 405s. At speed, however, the damping fails to achieve taught body control on undulating roads. Cornering grip and breaking performance are

beyond criticism. The Mi 16 is a likeable, racy machine with few flaws, and what it lacks in solid feel and ruggedness, it makes up for with a low price and energetic spirit.

books are invariably disappointing and if the subject is popular they are certain to be familiar. Classic Volliswagens by Colin Burnham (Osprey, £6.95) avoids this. Through 128 glossy colour pages it provides an extensive, visually exciting look back at the models from VW's past, not surprisingly concentrating on the evergreen Beetle.

The sight of Sir Herbert Austin urging an audience to "Buy British" and Standard Vanguards hurtling round the streets of Monte Carlo is

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not the sort of thing you would expect at the local video shop. But this footage has been recovered from archives and is now available on video. An expanding library includes MG (safety fast), Rover'a 1964 entry in the Le Mans 24-hour race with a gas turbine-powered car, also the Triumph TR2 at the same race, and Spitfires racing at the French circuit some 10 years later. The videos are available from Heritage Motoring Films,

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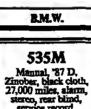
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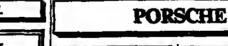
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Before Lord Bridge of Harwich Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths, Lord Ackner and Lord

LOWTY [Speeches December 15]

A "process" in a factory within section 76(1) of the Factories Act 1961 and the Asbestos Regulations (SI 1969 No 690) made therounder was any operation or series of operations of more than minimal duration. Accordingly, the demolition by the defendants of two driers

the defendants of two driers with asbestos roofs in their factory was an activity to which the 1969 Regulations applied.

The House of Lords, overruling the decision of the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) in R v A. I. Industrial Products plc ([1987] ICR 418), allowed an appeal by the prosecutor, Mr Michael Godfrey Nurse, from the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Hutchison) (The Mr Instice Hutchison) (The Times May 16, 1988) who had allowed the defendants' appeal from Hereford Crown Court (Judge Roy Ward, QC and two justices). The crown court had dismissed the defendants' appeal against their conviction by Worcester County Justices on three informations under section 18570 of the 1861 Acr

time informations under section 155(2) of the 1961 Act.

The 1969 Regulations have been revoked and replaced by the Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations (SI 1987 No 2115) which avoid the use of the word "mycess". There are however. "process". There are, however, many situations where the 1969 Regulations, where applicable, could still give rise to claims and other regulations still in force where the same problem arises.

Mr John F. M. Maxwell and Mrs Carmel Wall for the pros-ecutor, Mr John H. B. Saunders and Miss Alison Lockwood for the defendants. LORD GRIFFITHS said that the defendants manufactured crucibles. Asbestos was not used in the manufacture. Between April 25 and May 2, 1984, the defendants had demolished a number of driers in their fac-

Two of the driers were 40ft by 12st by 8st high. They were of brick construction. The roofs were made of panels containing asbestos. Driers had never been demolished at the factory

before. In the course of the demo-lition, the defendants had failed to comply with the require-ments of the 1969 Regulations. Three informations had been preferred against them alleging offences contrary to section 155(2) of the 1961 Act in that they had failed to provide respiratory protective equip-ment for the use of employees, asbestos waste had not been stored so as to prevent the escape of asbestos dust and the factory had not been kept free from asbestos waste and dust. Section 176 of the 1961 Act

"(1) Where the minister is satisfied that any manufacture, machinery, plant, equipment, appliance, process or descrip-

bodily injury to the persons employed he may make such special regulations as appear to him to be reasonably practicable and in meet the accessity of the case."

Regulation 3 of the 1969 Regulations provided: "(2) These regulations apply to every process involving asbestos or any article composed wholly or partly of asbestoe, except a process in connection with which asbestos dust cannot be given off."

Before the crown court, the defendants had contended that the 1969 Regulations did out apply because the demolition of the driers had not been a process carried on in their factory:
"process" meant a manufacturer's process and did not
include the demolition of a

drier.
The crown court, in a case stated that was a model of its kind, had accepted the pros-ecutor's contention that "pro-cess" in the regulations meant any activity or operation of some duration.

It was clear from the judgment of the Divisional Court

that they had only allowed the defendants appeal because they had rightly held themselves bound by the decision (after that bound by the decision (after that of the crown court in the present case) in R v A. I. Products plc.

It was, his Lordship thought, manifest from the wording of the judgment of Lord Justice Woolf that, but for that decision, they would have dismissed the appeal. The present appeal, then, was in effect an appeal from R v A. I. Products plc.

The Court of Appeal in that case, the facts of which had been virtually indistinguishable from the present, had accepted the argument that the demolition of argument that the demolition of a kiln had not been a process in a factory within the 1969 Regulations as it had been unconnected with the manufacturing pro-cesses undertaken in the factory and had been an isolated in-The court had said, at p422:

"The word 'process' must be construed according to the meaning to be given it under the 1961 Act . . . In our judgment, the word 'process' as used in this section [175] and elsewhere in the 1961 Act connotes some continuous activity regularly carried on within a factory, and does not include a single opera-tion such as the demolition and removal of a disused piece of machinery or a kiln." Later they had said, at p424:

", it is wrong to extend the country, meaning of the word process in Mr Juthe 1961 Act beyond some

to take its colour from the context. When used in the context of defining a factory it was natural to think of it in the context of the operations carried on within the factory.

The 1969 Regulations, however, were not confined in operations carried on within a factory; in particular, they app-lied to building operations, in which the Court of Appeal's nttention did not appear to have been drawn in R v.A. I. Products

If the Court of Appeal's decision was correct, it would gravely limit the protection of the 1969 Regulations. It was difficult to see how they could be applied to cormal building operations, and it was also difficult to see how they would apply to what was one of the primary risks from asbestos dust, namely the use of asbestos lagging material either for pipes or for furnace repairs.

It was to be observed that "process" in the enabling section 76(1) of the 1961 Act was used in apposition to manufac-ture and would appear to be used in a wide sense.

Regulation 3(2) of the 1969
Regulations was framed in simple language, and his Lordship could find no indication that "process" was to have other than the single broad meaning of "any activity".

There were also two powerful indications from the wording of regulation 5 that "process"

regulation 5 that "process" could not have the restricted meaning attached to it by the Court of Appeal.

Court of Appeal.

Those considerations, which depended on the words of the Act and the regulations themselves, satisfied his Lordship that "process" was not used in the limited sense in which it had been construed by the Court of Appeal but in the brancher sense. Appeal but in the broader sense of including any activity of more than minimal duration

asbestos panel could not be considered a process. There had to be some degree of continuity

and repetition of a series of acts.

On the facts of R v A. I.

Products pic and the present case, the activity had good on over a period of days involving materials containing asbestos, and in both cases it had been n "process" within the meaning of the regulations.

Their Lordships had been referred to a oumber of authorities in which the meaning of "process" had been considered in other contexts, particularly that of the extended definition of a "factory" within the mean-ing of section 175 of the 1961

His Lordship did not wish to cast any doubt on the correct-ness of those decisions, but he did not derive any assistance from them because the word "process" was used in an en-tirely different context.

Still less did he derive any ssistance from Vibroplant Ltd v
Holland (1981) I All ER 526) in
which the word had been
considered in its context in the Capital Allowances Act 1968.

The word "process" was scat-

tered throughout many sections of the 1961 Act, and it appeared in many regulations made there-under. Their Lordships had not had the opportunity in consider the meaning to be attached to it wherever it appeared, and it was possible that it had different meanings in different contexts.

His Lordship would confine his opinion to the meaning of the word where it was used in the 1969 Regulations. There, it meant any operation or series of operations being an activity or more than minimal duration. His Lordship would allow the appeal and restore the defen-

Lord Bridge, Lord Templeman, Lord Ackner and involving the use of assestos.

Some common sense had to be introduced into the defi-Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor.

Political asylum bar

Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte B

An applicant would not qualify for political asylum where any risk of persocution upon his return home was created by his participation, either with bad inith or unreasonable conduct, in political activities in this

Mr Justice Simon Brown so held in the Queen's Bench the 1961 Act beyond some manufacturing process or continuous and regular activity carried on as a normal part of the operation of n factory."

In arriving at their conclusion, the Court of Appeal had focused primarily on the meaning to be attached to "process" where it appeared in the definition of a factory in section 175(1) of the 1961 Act. His Lordship thought that that had led them into error.

Red in the Queen's Bench Division on October 28 when on the continuous and policidist review of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal's decision of May 12, 1987 that the applicant did not qualify for political asylum.

The applicant an Iranian citizen, had applied for political asylum and had enclosed photographs claiming to show his participation in anti-Khomeini demonstrations in the UK.

HIS LORDSHIP said that while it was accepted that the applicant had engaged in suf-ficient political activity in create the risk that could attract refugee status, his conduct was part of a calculated policy to enhance his claim for asylum.

There had to exist some

principle whereby an immigrant could not become entitled to political asylum merely by choosing to conduct himself in the host country so as to create the very risk of persecution which then founded his claim to refugee status.

The precise limits of such a principle were not easily determined. Not all voluntary activity should be disqualified from consideration but bad faith and unreasonable conduct should, but that had to be decided by the

Tax-paid bets could give fairer shares



BOOKMAKERS

The Horserace Betting Levy Board and the

Bookmakers' Committee cannot agree on how much money racing

should receive from betting: at the moment only £28 million of the £3.126 billion turnover

is returned to the sport. The Home Secretary

has become an unwilling referee. Is there a way out of the impasse? In the final

part of their series, Christopher R Hill and

Graham Rock offer these solutions

he prize-mooey in British racing is significantly lower than in other leading racing nations, and the sport has several urgent requirements - including improved racecourse facilities. better funding for protecting its integrity, and fairer rewards for stable staff. But the bookmakers insist their profits are broadly in

line with comparable industries. The Home Secretary will today receive submissions from the racing industry, the Bookmakers' Committee and the three Government-appointed members of the Levy Board. The only certainty is that they will be several lengths

Bookmakers argue that they cannot afford to make e greater contribution to the Levy Board than they do at present. While the profits earned by bookmakers are not out of line with some financial service industries, it is difficult to believe that they are unable to find more than the 0.88 per cent of turnover in the three-year agreement that expires oext March. After all, without racing, bookmakers would not exist in anything resembling their present

There are few people in racing -Jockey Club - who do not have the firm cooviction that the bookmakers ought to be contributing a greater share to the improvement of the sport from which they derive their profits.

It is worth remembering that when Satellite Information Services, financed by the Big Four bookmakers, was negotiating with the Racecourse Association for the contract to broadcast live racing into betting shops, their initial financial proposal was derisory.

As soon as it had been learned that a rival was gaining favour, the SIS offer was dramatically improved; if a horse had shown comparable progress over its previous performance in a race, the connections would have been hauled before the stewards for an

explanation. Such tactics are the very stuff of commerce. Of course, the bookmakers and their associations will. plead poverty; if they volunteered further payment, they would be mauled by their shareholders.

Sir lan Trethowan, chairman of the Levy Board, said recently that the system of Levy payments by bookmakers, enacted in 1961, might not be a suitable mechaoism for raising the ambitious sums the racing industry is seeking to enable it to remain competitive in the international arena. Be that as it may, it is the only system

Much depends on the level of funding that racing believes it needs; but if £100 million a year from betting is close to the mark then there is a ray of hope io reexamining the tax on betting.



One man and his dog, the traditional face of British betting shops: The first customer arrives of the John Humphreys branch in Chislehurst, Improved services have started to attract a wider cross-section of punters

WHY RACING WANTS MORE MONEY

JOHN BIGGS, director-general of the Racehorse Owners

"Prize-money in the United Kingdom has never been adequate at any level, and what money has been available hae been heavily skewed towards the top end of racing, both Flat and National Hunt.

All sections are now realizing that if the base of the pyramid is to be secured more money needs to be put in at the bottom to make sure that those owners lucky enough to have a horse good enough to win three moderate races actually ecover their racing costs. At the moment, the owner of

such a horse would recover rather less than half his racing costs, and not many owners have 8 horse good enough to win

JEREMY HINDLEY, president of the National Trainers'

"The recent and largely welcome investment in racehorse ownership by the Arab world has served to paint a misleadingly rosy picture of the state of racing and the training profes

results, based on prize-money won, all of the top 12 trainers were heavily supported by leading Arab owners. Indeed, in the top 30 trainers, there are only 10 who receive no real Middle Eastern support. If the income of these 10 was to result solely from their 10 per cent of prize-

When betting duty was first imposed io 1966, bookmakers

paid the tax to the Government

and spared the punter. As the rate

increased, they passed the burden

on to punters but offered them a

ehoice of method in discharging

tax and Levy deducted from

returns, or they could pay tax and

Levy with stake money, known generally as "tax paid on", which

is marginally more favourable to

have been at 10 per cent since

1981. If a punter places a success-

ful bet of £10 at 10-1 and pays tax

and Levy of £1 with the stake,

making a total of £11, he receives

£110 if his horse is successful -

being his £100 winnings and the

return of his £10 stake minus £1

paid on in advance - which

If he opts to place £11 to win at

10-1 and has tax and Levy

deducted from his return, he collects only £108.90 - £110

winnings plus the return of his £11

stake minus the ten per cent tax

(£12.10) — a net profit of £97.90,

The Customs and Excise de-

cided that the extra payment io

"tax paid on" bets was also part of

£1.10 less than tax paid on.

produces a net profit of £99.

Deductions of tax and Levy

Backers could choose to have

the burden.

the punter.

would be £25,000.

The top 10 National Hunt trainers — where there is no Arab support — had an average income of £29,800 as their percentage of prize-money.
Such a profit makes pathetic reading as return on capital.
It is a vital necessity for this Levy dispute to be resolved to the long-overdue benefit of the health of British racing."

MICHAEL CAULFIELD, secretary of the Jockeys' Association

Despite recent developments, riders feel that medical procedures on racecourses could be improved further. There is a desire for the introduction of full-time

aramedics to cope with the juries that unfortunately occur. To back up this operation, a swifter evacuation to hospital is required. Each racecour vould need adequate ambi cover, and the long-term objective must be the introduction of helicopters."

GENERAL SIR PETER LENG, chairman of the Racecourse Association man's sport. Not so for the losses were acute after the opening of betting shops, affecting racecourses' profitability, leading to higher

admission charges. A survey showed e third of racecourses making profits of

the wager, so, in the first example

above, tax and Levy is deducted

Lord Rothschild's Royal Com-

mission on Gambling, which re-

ported in 1978, failed to grasp this;

although most of the report was

carefully considered, this particu-

lar argument was superficial end

dismissive, taking the same line as

There is no logical reason,

however, to treat the 10 per cent

tax and Levy paid on by the

punter as anything other than tax paid at source, in exactly the same

If the Government adopted this

line of reasoning, and insisted that

tax and Levy be "paid on" on all

bets, bookmakers could still make

commercially-acceptable profits

from the average 20.4 per cent surplus after the punters' 79.6 per

cent winnings. The bookmakers are left with 10 per cent after

paying their operating expenses, VAT and other costs.

the Government as its present

requirement of daty from betting,

leaving 2 per cent for distribution

by the Levy Board, as against the

average of 0.88 per cent of

Eight per cent could be taken by

way as consumers pay VAT.

the Customs and Excise.

less than £5,000. No wonder facilities have fallen behind, not only for patrons but in areas out of the public eye — stables and lads' accommodation. Racecourses need much more income over a long period to get their house in order." SAM SHEPPARD, of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association

"The results of the 1988 domestic yearling sales show quite clearly that the majority of British bred and raised arlings are sold at a figure below the cost of production.

New owners, and money, will be attracted to the sport if there is de expectation of covering the costs of ownership if a horse proves to have some

Minimum advertised values must be increased to the £4,500 to £5,000 mark per race to make ANTHONY FAIRBAIRN, cheirman of the Racegoers Club "It is the punter who pays the Levy — not the bookmaker — and while he, too, wants a thriving

racing industry he does not have a bottomless pocket from which to finance many extra millions. £300 million, he is already paying about £75 million each year in Levy and to the racecourses he visits. In racing's expenditure, the punter's priorities would be the integrity of the sport, an improvement in the public facilities on racecourse better crowd control."

he objection to this al-

most-too-simple solu-

tioo is likely to be that

the 2 per cent Levy

payment thus rendered

would be regarded as akin to a tax

and likely to incur the wrath of the

One of the strengths of the

argument for rearranging the 10 per cent tax and Levy is that any

deductions made at a higher level

would provide an incentive for

more illegal betting, which would

Bookmakers estimate turnover

on horserace betting in 1988-89 et

£3.8 billion and if compulsory tax

paid oo were enacted on the lines

we have suggested, the Govern-

ment would receive £304 million

and racing £76 million. The Trea-

sury would thus receive less in the

"tax on tax" - perhaps as much as

£30 million less. But can it be

persuaded to give up that much in

return for growing returns from an

And, if the Home Secretary was

to go as far as to decide that British

racing deserved a share of the

betting turnover comparable with

nther countries, the Treaasury

would need to coocede 1 per cent

of turnover, and retaio only 7 per

cent, giving 3 per cent to the Levy

expanding betting industry?

be unpopular on both sides.

Treasury.

THE BETTING SHOP

Setellite Information Services equipment has been installed in John Humphreys' betting shop in the last week. The manager, David Theobald, said there had already been e definite increase in trade generated by the improved facility. Humphreys' Chislehurst shop is the biggest earner in the group of five he runs in Kent, although it is not the busiest in terms of slips over tha counter. Estimates put the turnover at £20,000 in a good week,

reflecting a prosperous community.
"Workers from Sainsbury's and the other High Street shops rub shoulders with cleaning ladies and pleyers from the local golf club.

They all seem to get on well,' Theobald said. Tha SIS equipment offers such enhanced facilities that other pro-

visions at the shop are being improved: snacks will be available, and new seating will be installed.

Theobald said: "They used to be sleazy places some years ago, but that has all changed. SIS will

revolutionize betting shops.
"People can now come in and see the races, so they stay longer on the premises. And that is good for business. SIS has 27-inch screens and the sound is much

Tha SIS service costs £6,000 a the outlay could have been appro-priate for Humphreys, who paid out 221,000 days before the equipment was installed on a successful £12

each-way Yankee bet. Theobald, a manager at Chisle-hurst for 18 months, previously worked for William Hill in e Mayfair branch. "It was another world.

Board which, on our example,

would yield £114 millioo next

This Government has dem-

onstrated on several occasions its

faith in cutting taxes as a device to

stimulate demand; racing would

welcome the opportunity to pro-

vide further evidence of the

A lingering radical thought from

the 1950s is to establish a Tote

monopoly. That might have been

possible then but not today; the

cost of nationalizing off-course

betting would be prohibitive, and

would directly contradiet Govern-

It is far more realistie is to

remind racecourses that they have

the power to increase their rev-

enues. There is no reason why on-

course bookmakers, enjoying

soaring turnover since the aboli-

tion of betting tax on racecourses

in 1987, should not be organized

and ranked in the betting ring

according both to turnover and

willingness to accept large bets, as

less remunerative pitches would

pay the present rates; those

occupying the more lucrative

positions could be charged a

progressively increasing premium

Bookmakers operating from the

they are in Australia.

strategy's success.

ment policy.

to a sale. It is impossible to put an exact figure on it because so much depends on area and location. But it would be worth many thousands of pounds more than the

Some people would bet £1,000 on every race all afternoon. Here, the everage bet is £5 or £10, but you

can get anything from £2,000 to

The Chislehurst shop caters for

up to 600 customers a week, 90 per cent of them being regular patrons. The balance between horse betting

and dog racing betting is about 75

per cent to 25 per cent.
"Dog racing is becoming a lot

more popular. The other sports we

cater for, like football, golf end darts, represent around 4 per cent

of our business. Betting shops ara

changing to cater for public de-mand. Facilities heve had to be

improved." Theobald said.

The price of buying a High Street betting shop complete with a licence is reflected in an enlarged

selling price, according to Chris Phillips, a partner at Healey & Baker, a leading estate valuers.

He said that the restrictions relating to the operation of a betting

shop are considerable. "You can

convert almost any shop into an undertaker's for example, but it is

much more difficult to convert to a

betting shop. Because it is in a different category that makes it

existing licences have a consid-

This means that shops with

the incumbents.

sale of an ordinary shop which required planning consent and e licence before it could become operational as a betting shop."

according to the desirability of the

should be arranged to a logical way

to suit the convenience of the

customers, and not the whims of

many admission charges have not

kept pace with inflotioo over the

past 30 years. While the cost of

going racing should remain

competitive against an increasing

number of rival leisure activities,

the fact that courses such as Ascot

and Cheltenham find themselves

limiting crowds and turning eway

customers from some areas sug-

gests they have scope to raise

admission charges to the more

the more active courses in market-

ing its product, although it has

greater resources than many. At a

time when the middle-aged

Ascot, it must be said, is one of

prestigious enclosures.

reach this target group.

It is worth pointing out that

predicted to shift further. The Racecourse Association has oever had the stomach to address this inefficiency, but the remedy is in its own hands. Betting rings

not yet reached the majority of stable lads. The Jockey Club Senior Steward, Lord Fairhaven. reminded his audience at the Gimcrack Dinner earlier this month that 20 per cent of stables money trickling down through the welfare of lads from the less

A minimum wage is agreed between the National Trainers' Federation and stable lads' representatives. Enforcement is diffieult but the Jockey Club must ensure those who do not pay the minimum wage receive deterrent

A final thought: there is one course of action open to the Government which would increase betting turnover, bookmakers' profits, tax revenues and Levy payments - allow betting

population, the backbone of racing, is rising rapidly, it would seem appropriate for the Racecourse Association to set aside funds to Last year the Racecourse Association granted the copyright to broadcast live racing into

betting shops to Satellite Information Services: the contract will be reviewed in 1992. SIS was set up by the Big Four bookmakers - Ladbrokes, Hills,

Corals and Mecca - together with the Tote; they own 50 per cent of the shares, 10 per cent have been given to the Raccourse Associatioo, and the remaining 40 per cent are due to be placed soon. SIS, already having firm plans

for diversification, has the potential to earn substantial profits aod racing should use its resources to buy a larger holding. The race-courses, benefitting from on extra £6 million in copyright fees next year, should borrow oo the strength of this revenue and acquire as large a shareholding as they can afford.

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If the racecourses do invest some of the SIS revenues, a few immediate minor sacrifices may have to be made.

iven the explosion in satellite televisioo opportunities over the next few years, SIS represents an excellent medium- to long-term investment, not only for the racecourses but, perhaps, as a resting place for some of the £6 million reserves

held by the Levy Board. The advent of SIS has produced a significant increase in betting but, in the process, the traditional split of 80 per cent of turnover being bet on horses and 20 per cent on greyhounds has moved to 75 per cent and 25 per ceot, and is

The trend is bad news for horseracing, and should be heeded by those who believe that the sport's problems can be solved by demanding dramatically-increased

satellite copyright fees. If there are signs of optimism in some areas of racing, they have win 80 per cent of prize-money, so significant increases in prizeowners and trainers to stable staff will not have a significant effect on . successful yards.

shops to remain open for evening racing.

ROWING

Searle a leading light in Musketeers' duel

By Jim Railton

Oxford University held their nic Neary, who stroked Porthos trials on the Tideway yesterday, rowing over the Boat Race Mortlake. The top two trial and looking at the talent avail-eble. Oxford potentially have a formidable Boat Race eight.

It is possible that Oxford could be coxed by a woman next year. The British Women's Olympic coxswain, Alison Norrish, steered Aramis in a second race against the Oxford University lightweight eight. In the main trial race, two Blues were in opposing boats with the president. Mike Gaffney, in Porthos and the talented junior ternational, Jonathan Searle, in the engine room of Athos.

In my reckoning after yes-terday's trials, there will be at least six parsmen chasing possibly two remaining sears in the Oxford crew and competition

Oxford included in their trial crews two junior internationals in Christopher Lewis and Domi-

together with a British under-23 world silver medal winner, course from Putney to Richard Thorp, in the Athos eight. This eight switched three eights took on the guise of the bowside oarsmen before the Musketeers. Porthos and Athos, race bringing Searle to the seven race bringing Searle to the seven seat. Searle played a leading role in his crew's winning perfornce and was the oarsman of

mance and was the carsman of the day.

RESULT: Altos best Portics, Xi, 19min Otsec, intermediate times: Mile post: 3.58. Hammersmith Bridge: 17.05. Chiswick Steps: 11.18. Bennes Bridge: 16.98. PORTHOS: A P N Erdmans (Milems College, Massachusetts, and Worcester), bour, A R Brooks (Ciffort: Caiss, Cambridge, and New College): R P Young (Linker of Osago and Beliol): J J M Cheette Counds and University): G B Blanchard (ICS Wintbledon and Crist): M Gastiney (US Nives) Academy and Heritord): N A Wattis (Liverpool College; Robinson, Cambridge, and Now College): D M Meary (Hampson and St Peter's), stroke: G S Radelbits (Harrington, Leeds; Downing, Cambridge and Ories), cox.

ATHOS: T G Stepeck: (Strewsbury and St. John's), bow; C W Levels (Eton and Magchier): R G C Cheveley (Intrinsice and Permitorial). Chethicate (Athratows, Coventry and Josus): D F Johnson (Californie and University), R J Thorp (Strewsbury and St. John's): "J W C Seattle (Hampson and Christ Church): C MacLesses (Comp Hill, Birmingham and Keble), stroke; M Wistis (Westininssier and Ories), cox. "A Blue

TABLE TENNIS

Cooke takes on leading colleagues

Alan Cooke, whose three vic-tories improved England's hopes of promotion to the Super Division of the European League in a 6-1 triumph over Italy in the match sponsored by the Leeds Building Society at Manchester on Wednesday, has to take on some of his team-colleagues tonight (Richard Ea-

ton writes).

The English national champion, aged 22, plays in e onenight six-man round-robin event, the MacArtney and Dowie Classic at Brentwood, in which most of England's leading players will be competing for

Cooke, tipped to take over

from Desmond Douglas as Eng-land No. 1 next week, will play in the opening match another of his close rivals and colleagues, Carl Prean, the national top 12 champion, who notched one win in the single and one in the men's doubles against Italy. John Souter, the England No. 7, is the other player in their group, while Douglas, Nicky Mason, the England No. 4, and Jimmy Stokes, the England

No. 6, are in the other group.

turnover it will receive this year.

YACHTING

A measure of disagreement

By Barry Pickthall

New Zealand yachtsmen are no in arms over the decision taken this week by the Offshore Racing Council (ORC) not to amend n n measurement ruling, made in November, that effectively puts their two yachts for the Whitbread round the world

The row, which looks to be heading towards court, centres around n 12-11 vote, taken during last month's annual con-ference in London, to anlify a rating advantage nriginally designed to encourage owners to have their yachts measured by machine rather than by hand,

without the customary 12 months notice.

The result, according to the New Zealand designer, Bruce Farr, is that his ketch rigged maxis, designed specifically for next year's global classic, rate as much as 0.7ft above the maximum 70ft limit. Either their hulls will have to undergo major surgery or their performance will have to be compromised by cutting sall area in order to rate within the limits, he says.

Peter Blake, skipper of the Steinlager 2 challenger, to be launched on Sunday, suggests mouths notice.

that this moving of the goal posts could well spell an end to the international offshore rule (IOR). "Our boat has been designed to the 1988 rules and now we are being penalized for our early preparation. It is enough to make anyone walk away."
The ORC's arbitrary decision

also has a serious effect on the 50ft level rating fleet. Farr reports that the change puts out of class two of his latest designs and leaves no time to modify them before next year's first major regatte. The argument leaves the

serious dilemma. If they attempt to redress this apparent natur-ness either by holding their race under the 1988 rales, or extend-Ing the rating limit to accoundate the New Zealand boats, they will face equal wrath from other competitors, whose yachts have been designed for So far, the ORC has refused to address the problem with any

ress. Only a High Court

writ, it seems, will help to focus their minds before racing under the IOR expires completely.

RNSA organizing committee, announced yesterday that there would be a total ban on all forces of outside assistance not available to all. Even more reassuring is that he is not relying on trust to keep the airwayes clear of illegal traffic. British Telecom, joint

ors of the race, are to keep listening watch and Williams a instensed water and withintony colleagues at GCHQ if it is suspected some yachts are receiving coded signals via • Ten days into the Route of

There is better news for the Whithread skippers concerned

about rivals receiving dedicated

weather information and advice

from private runting services.Rear Admiral Charles Williams, chairman of the

Discovery transatiantic race, Pierre Fehlmann's Swiss maxi, Merit, has pulled out a 125-mile lead over the second-placed Belmont Finland, his old boat, The two British boats, Andrew Coghill's With Integrity and the Maiden Great Britain, with an all-girl crew, contin fight it out for tenth place.

BASKETBALL

Stage set for first ever Israeli-Soviet match

If the prospects for the World Invitation Club Basketball (WICB) championships from December 30 to January 2 are not quite as "mnuthwatering" as the publicity would have us believe, they are at least different.

For the first time, in this, the

welfth annual WICB tournament to be beld, two venues will be used for the top men's matches. Bracknell Sports Centre will stage two first-round matches on December 30 and two quarter-finals the following evening. After that, the action will switch to Crystal Palace, previously the exclusive home

of the event.
If Hapoel Jerusalem, of Israel, the replacements for Maccabi Tel Aviv, win their first-round match against Palace, they will, the publicity material tells us, feature in the first-ever match between Soviets and Israelis in Britain. The Soviet national team, the gold medal winners in Seoul, would be their next

Opponents.
But the moral of the tale should still be "do not believe

all you read". The three England players in the Bracknell Tigers team, which begins proceedings on their home court with a match against Banik Prievidze,

will be hoping, we are told, "to

gain revenge against several of the Czech national team which

recently destroyed England's hopes of qualifying for the European Chempiooship finals". Unfortunately, not one Banik player made the Czech If Bracknell win, they would play their twin-town club, Leverkusen, of West Germany, in the next round. The Berkshire club are likely to go into the event as the top English club in

the Carlsberg League after maintaining their challenge for the title with Wednesday's 96-94

win over Hemel/Watford Will Over Remei/Wattord
Royals.

DRAW: Pirat round: Crystal Palace
Crystal Palace V Hapost Jarusziam (sr).

Winners meet Soviet Union, MM Livingston (Soo) v Bridden (Erg), Winners meet
Piral Santo Andre (Br), Beaclastic
Bracinal Tigers (Eng) v Santh Privileze
(CZ), Winners meet Lawerturen (WG),
Hemel/Watford Poyals (Eng) v College of
Charleston (US). Winners meet Aris
Thespalonika (Gr).

Versatile Persillant can initiate for in-form McCourt

Graham McCourt, on the crest of a wave at present, should enjoy a field day at Ayr this afternoon when he is fancied to ride the first four

McCourt has struck up a particularly fruitful partnership with Nigel Tinkler this season and the Malton trainer should provide two of the anticipated McCourt quartet in Persillant (12.30) and Lotus Island (2.0).

Other likely wioners for the in-form jockey are Tartan Talker (1.0), 8 first ride for Greystoke trainer Gordon Richards, and Birling Jack (1.30).

Tartan Tailor, winner of last year's Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices' Hurdle and seventh behind Celtic Shot in this year's Champion Hurdle. tackles fences for the second time io the Highland Spring/ROA Novices' Chase. On his first attempt at Wetherby 14 months ago, Tartan Tailor fell at the third and his shrewd trainer decided to put the Patch gelding's chasing career oo ice for another season.

That patient policy should begin to pay dividends today when Tartan Tailor is expected to inflict a first defeat

> 12.30 Persillant. 1.00 Tartan Tailor.

FORM DEPLETE was an easy 101 whose from Principal in a tast-run Catterick novices' hurdle last time (2m, good). PERSILLANT, a Sandown handicap whose (1m 2) on the Flat, quickersed well to land the odds by 51 from Hantingre at Catterick (2m appel).

RIVER BLUES stayed on under pressure to best Pondered Bid 11/2 in a novices' handicap over

on Lakino, who already has victories in a bumper, novice hurdle and oovice chase to his

Birling Jack, trained under permit at Kilmacolm by David McGarva, is burdened with 12 stone in the Glentrool Novices' Handicap Chase but the opposition is so weak that it would be oo surprise to see the seven-year-old, a 15-length course and distance winner four weeks ago, defy top

Persillant can set the ball rolling for McCourt in the Blair Novices' Hurdle by following up last week's winning debut over timber at Camerick.

A good handicapper on the Flat when trained by Michael Jarvis, Persillant was backed as if defeat was out of the question at the north Yorkshire course and duly landed the odds. The Persian Bold colt is sure

to have benefited from that initial experience and his superior Flat speed may prove decisive against the consistent Lotus Island steps up in

class for the Marley Scotland Golden Jubilee Handicap Golden Jubilee Handicap For the day's best bet, Hurdle after four wins in though I have no hesitation in selling company this term.

By Michael Seely

12.30 PERSILLANT (nap). 2.00 Jinxy Jack. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 SPRITEBRAND.

05005/6 BRIGHT SUGGESTION 15 (T Golde) T Golde 10-10-7 Bir S Love BETTINO: 6-5 Persiliant, 7-4 Depiete, 9-1 River Blues, 5-1 Pinementin, 14-1 Duel Venture, 33-1 Bright

Selection: PERSILLANT

1987; ASTON EXPRESS 4-11-4 M Hammond (4-9 tex) G Moore 15 ren

1967: RANDOLPH PLACE 6-12-2 P Tuck (4-7 tor) @ Richards 10 ran

LAKINO quickened on the flat for a 41 win from manylo at Catterick (Zm. good) with ROYAL GREEK.

4th better off) %1 3rd, That win wes gained after a langify absence and he may improve further.

Fell early on only previous run over fences.

1,30 GLENTROOL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,608: 3m 110yd) (9 runners)

1 TPUZ TARTAN TAKEOVER 15 (D.5) (Edinburgh Woolen Mill Lit) G Richards 6-11-10 J Han Coo-Feb TRAPRAN LAW 11 (J Supherson) J Oliver's 5-11-8.

5 223-435 PANEGYREST 11 (C Alexander) C Alexander 13-10-7.

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BETTING: 2-1 Testan Tekeover, 5-1 Birling Jack, 4-1 Panegyrist, 6-1 American Coeser, 8-1 Trapraint Law, 12-1 others.

1987: LA BOEUF 11-10-3 J O'Gorman (9-1) D Lamb 9 ran

BRRING JACK was a 15 Wherer from Pearl Merchant over course and distance on perulibrate start, but jumped body at Kolso test time (3m, soft) when 131 3rd to Gunner Mac with PANESTREET (2110 better off) 115 th and TRAPRAIN LAW taked off when pulled up.

If when pulled up.

AMERICAN CARSAR won a Punchestown hurdle on heavy ground last season. Sole Singlish run a well-best of 18 to Ready Steady in a Hardem novices' chase. TARTAN TAKEOVER was 2 2nd to Shoon Wind at Carlsia (2m 4t, heavy) with PROCEED COMMENT OF 11 St to Ready Steady in a Hardem novices' chase. TARTAN TAKEOVER was 2 2nd to Shoon Wind at Carlsia (2m 4t, heavy) with PROCEED CARSAR won a Punchestown hurdle on heavy ground last season. Sole Singlish run a well-

Course specialists

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23.1 L Wyer
23.1 S Turner
23.0 Mr O Macta
21.8 S Storey
14.3 Ger Lyons

0013 BIRLING JACK 11 (CD.S) (D McGarva) D McGarva 7-12-0 16045-5 AMERICAN CAESAR 16 (Q.S) (E Scarth) J O'Nell 8-11-15

Going: good (chase course); good to soft (hurdles)

1.8 HIGHLAND SPRING/ROA NOVICES CHASE (21,935: 2m) (3 runners)

12:30 BLAIR NOVICES HURDLE (£905: 2m) (6 runners)

2.00 Lotus Island. 2.30 King's Harvest. 3.00 Brother Geoffrey.

G McCourt 4 ... J J Colon ... M Duyer ... J Hongeo

_ 6 McCourt 97

J O'Gorman — K Doolen —

Rides Per cent 94 10.1 21 10.0 17 17.5 10 15.8 101 10.9 26 10.7



Robert Williams: saddles Old Eros at Fakenham (1.45) regard at Greystoke, would pose a considerable threat if fully wound up but Lotus Island, in receipt of 18th, can make the most of his fitness

The Tinkler-McCourt combination also have a leading chance in the Gatehead Novices' Hurdle with Leon but preference here is for King's Harvest, who narrowly failed to concede 8lb to the heavilybacked Homme D'Affaire at Carlisle after winning well at Hexham.

nominating Old Eros to defy Jinxy Jack, held in high top weight of 12st 51b in the Nortoo Warrior.

Racing Post Series Handicap Hurdle at Fakenham, Robert Williams's fouryear-old completed a treble when overcoming an identical tance in March but ran unquestionably his best race Liverpool the following path to the altar. month when he had Triumph

Hurdie runner-up Wahiba,

Calapaez and South Parade

among those in arrears.

With two runs behind him this season, Old Eros should now be in peak condition and this talented front-runner is clearly in his element around the sharp Fakenham turns. Another Newmarket trainer likely to be oo the mark at the Norfolk course is Jeff Pearce, who has bright prospects of landing a double with Star Maestro (12.45) and Specky-

third in a well-contested handicap behind the useful pair, Christmas Holly and

Winter's walk of courage

Fred Winter vesterday made his first public appearance since fracturing his skull in a fall at his Lambourn home 15 months weight over course and distance in March but ran unquestionably his best race when third to Royal Illusion at Rolls-Reyce, down the church

It was a remarkable feat of courage by Winter, who still suffers considerable pain from the fall. Initially it was feared he would be crippled for life, but after months of physiotherapy and medical care, he has grad-nally regained the ability to walk

Philippe purposely delayed her wedding, to Tom Jacomb, who works for a television advertizing company, until her father had recovered sufficiently to atte

"His progress has been slow but sure," she said, "and it was very important to me that be took me down the aisle." A foureyes (3.15).

Speckyroureyes need only reproduce the form of his Doncaster run last Saturday to take the EEN Racing Club Novices' Handicap Hurdle. Carrying 11lb more than his long handicap weight oo Town Moor, the five-year-old showed he is progressing along the right lines when a close third in a well-converted. were also in attendance, as were Lord Howard de Walden, a long-time patron of the stable, and Lester Piggott's daughter,



Stepping out: Fred Winter escorts his daughter Philippa to the altar at her wedding in Lambourn yesterday. It was Winter's first appearance in public since his accident last year

Chief Buckaneer lifts Rimell camp

The fortunes of Mercy Rimell, in her last season with a training licence, continued to take a turn for the better when Chief Buckaneer landed the Christmas Pudding Novices' Chase at Southwell yesterday,

The Kinnersley trainer, who had sent out only two winners this season at the start of the week, was enjoying her third success in four days with Chief Buckaners, a half-brother to

Celtic Chief.
The stable is optimistic that the run of luck will continue when Celtie Chief himself, third in this year's Champion Hurdle, contests the HSS Hire Shops Hurdle at Ascot tomorrow.

"Gaye Brief also runs in the Long Walk Hurdle oo the same card and we are hopeful that

Plans for a new grandstand costing more than £2 million were unveiled at Haydock Park yesterday. Demoliton of the two

old stands, erected al the turn of

the century, starts next spring, and it is hoped the latest building work will be completed in April 1990.

Haydock Park

12.45 (2m 6f hdie) 1, MRS PEO-PLEATER (S Keightley, 8-1); 2, Arum Lily (3 McCourt. 1-14 fav); 3, Princess Loctame (C Richmond, 25-1), 8 ran. 7, dist. 0 Whale at Westbury-on-Severn. Total: EB.70. DF: E1.10. CSF: E10.21, No bid.

1.15 (2m 4l ch) 1, STEPASIDE LORD (P Scudamore, Evers fav); 2, Secret Rita (Peter Hobbs, 7-2); 3, Cooper Streak (C Hawkins, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Black Monlaty (pu), 16 Rechan Mester (4th), 100 Bay Sieevee (pu), 8 ran. 6l, 12l, 20l, M Fipa at Welfington. Tota: 52-20; £140, £1.20. DF: £2.60. CSP: £4.46.

1.45 (4m ch) 1, RAUSAL (D Tegp. 8-1); 2, Border Lad (Peter Hobbs, 6-1); 3, Against The Grain (R Dunwoody, 15-2), ALSO RAN: 9-4 lav Little Polivir (4th), 5 Ardesse (8th), 7 Memberson (pu), 8 Hernly Lad (5th), 10 Memy Less (pu), 12 Deri Over (ur), 0 ran. 3, 3, 4, 11, dst. 1 Bailey at Herelord, Tota: 27.50; 21.50, 22.30, 22.50, DF: £14.30, CSF: £54.01, Tricast: 2349.29.

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, VOYAGE SANS RETOUR (P Scudemore, 1-2 fev); 2, Mills MB (T Reed, 9-2); 3, Eley Helstch (P Harte, 25-1), ALSO FAN: 10 Paracise Seach, 14 South Cross, Versell (4th), 16 Overdrati, 20 Bright Asie, Macerthur, Suides (5th), Thus Gold (5th), 25 Cobo Bay, 33 Explosive Spirk (I), Masmadong Brook, Westmead, 50 Another Toy, Beker's Lamb (ur), Mottram's Gold, Twiller, 19 ran, NR: Bark View, 41, dt, 71, 21, dt, M Pipe at Wellington, Tote: £1.80; £1.50, £1.70, £5.50, DF: £3.20, CSF: £5.24.

2.45 (2m ef ch) 1. FU'S LADY (P Scudemore, Evens fav); 2. Joint Sovereignty (J Hayes, 7-1); 3. Bartnes (S Smith Ecoles, 4-1). ALSO RAN's 8 Fierrey Sark (4m), Davy's Wair (f), 20 Kamir (5th), 6 ran. 9t, hd, 3t, not recorded. Ill Pipe et Wallington, Totar (2.00; 21.50, 22.80. DP: 27.80. CSP: £8.25.

3.15 (2m 4* hdle) 1, RiFLE RANGE (R Seggen, 4-8 fev; Alkanderin's mag); 2. Wessex (G McCourt, 20-1); 3, Unclausthed (M Pirman, 7-2), ALSO RAAI; 7 Glass Mountain (put, 14 Too Like (4th), 25 Lyns Magic (f), Peerl Prospect (8th), The Red One (8th), 35 Between The Lines, Headleys Bridge (put, Newholme Farm, 50 General Highway, Mineral Dust (ro), Newhorn Date (put, Siles, Pirzaursote, 18 ran, 12, 2, 41, 10, 10L Mrs M Dickinson at Herewood, Toste: E1.70; E1.20, 23.60, 21.50, DF: 215.80, CSF: £18.08.

Southwell

12.0 (2m hote) 1, RWOLVED AGAIN (R Goldstein, 12-1); 2, Neversague (W irvine, 5-1); 3, Run Frise (S McNeill, 14-1). ALSO RAA: 7-4 tev Old Dutch Holmon, 4 Peans (Str), 8 Sive Sneign (Str), Shiryon (4th), 12 Letombe (put, 14 Mechanics, 20 Cuel-tar Dutches (ft), 25 Jolly Vic, Enchanting Kate (put), L'Arranssean (put, 18 ran, 8; 3, 194. 2, 11, F O'Mahony et Lingfeld, Tope; 20.30; 29.50, 21.90, 24.70, DF: 221.50, CSF: 276.55. Bought in 3,600gns.

Going: good to sait

both will dn the jnb," Mrs Rimell's assistant, Joho McConnochie, said.
Commenting on the stable's unprecedemed lean start to the season, McConnochie said: "It's

no good panicking. We have just had to wait for things to come Freelance rider Willie Humphreys, on Mister Boot, and conditional jockey Richard Bevan (Aldro) both broke their collar-bone in falls during the Christmas Tree Haodicap

Chase, won by Kevinsfort. Liogfield-based Finbarr

unveiled at Haydock
ans for a new grandstand The top floor will feature a

April 1990. Association of Racecourse Bet-The new complex, designed to ting Offices, Burtonwood Brew-

television screen showing on remaining stands, we have de-and nff-course racing coverage from BBC, Channel 4 and SIS.

raycook Park, said: "Rather two television screen showing on remaining stands, we have de-cided on a new concept for the 1990s."

Yesterday's results

O'Mahony saddled his first winner as a full licence holder when lovolved Again led all the way uoder Ray Goldsteio to land the first division of the £2m grandstand plans

restaurant catering for 600, making it ooe of the largest in

Finance for the scheme com-

prises a £1 million loan from the Levy Board with the rest coming from the Tute, the National

12.30 (3m 110yd ch) 1, CHIEF BUCK-ANEER (J Bryan, 5-4 fav; Private Hand-capper's top miting); 2, Lower Bill (M Lynch, 14-1); 3, Maeter Of Lync (M Dwyer, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Ambor Blossom (4th), 10 Focus On Fester (5th), 14 Tartan Taberd (f), 20 Galloping Claude (pu), Classey Boy, 25 Maeter Attorney (pu), Lady Seeker, 33 Kelly Nicola (pu), 50 Cool Distinction, 100 Woher Dan (5th), 13 ran. NR: Arenisco, 8, 2½, 2, 8, 3, Mrs M Rimell at Sevem Sooks, Tose: 22.70; 21.70, 23.60, £2.10. DF: £44.00. CSF: £18.91. Non Runners: Arenisco.

2.20 (3m 110yd ch) 1, PRINCE: NETT-ERNICH (C Derms, 11-1); 2, Cross Meeter (J Rafton, 11-4); 3, Aberry (J McL augnith, 25-1), ALSO RAN: 18-8 (av Pride Hill (I), 3

Arum Lily beaten at 14-1 on

There is no such thing as a certainty in racing, as illustrated by the comprehensive defeat of 14-1 on chance Arum Lily io the Chipmobile Selling Hurdle at Haydock Park yesterday. Nigel Tinkler's charge was

chasing a five-timer against two opponents without a jumping success between them and Gra-ham McCourt sppeared happy to bide his time on Arum Lily as Mrs Peopleater, the 9-1 second avourise, cut out the running. However, Arum Lily found nothing when asked to quicken in the home straight and Mrs Peopleater went on 10 win by

seven lengths.
The four-mile Ronnie Johnstoo Memorial Trophy Handi-cap Chase featured a oumber of Grand National hopefuls but Rausal, the 8-1 winner, is by oo means certain to be in the

Hereford trainer Tom Bailey, opening his account for the season, said: "There are still about three weeks before the National entries close and I will think about it during that time. He is still a bit novicey."

Rausal shrugged off a mistake at the last, and drew away to score by three lengths from Border Lad.

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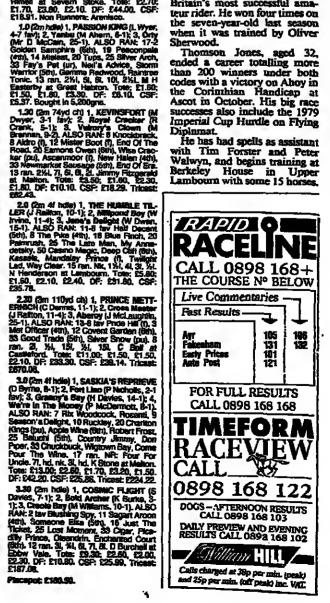
By George Rac

Tim Thomson Jones, recently granted a trainer's licence, will have his first runner with Pukka Major in the Frogmore Handi-cap Chase at Ascol tomorrow. "As long as Tim considers the ground to be suitable Pukka Major will go," a stable spokes-woman said yesterday.

It is an appropriate beginning for Thomson Jones, for long Britain's most successful amateur rider. He won four times on the seven-vent-old last season when it was trained by Oliver Sherwood.

Thomson Jones, aged 32, ended a career totalling more than 200 winners under both codes with a victory on Ahoy in the Corinthian Handicap at Ascot in October. His big race successes also include the 1979 Imperial Cup Hurdle on Flying

He has had spells as assistant with Tim Forster and Peter Walwyn, and begins training at Berkeley House in Upper Lambourn with some 15 horses.



20 MARLEY SCOTLAND GOLDEN JUBILEE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,632: 2m) (10 AYR 1929- JRXY JACK 225 (BF,5) (Nrs 8 McKnney) O Richards 4-12-1
1223-40 THREEPLAND 22 (D,F,0,5) (A MacConstit) R Fisher 5-11-3
140-900 PIT PONY 48 (CD,0,5) (Ars H Beattle) J S Wilson 4-11-2
012910- BOY PAURTER 245 (CD,5) (Regent Decorators Lid) J Johnson 5-11-2
614925; STATE JESTER 44F (D,6) (E Barber) C Blacy 5-10-13
4-1211 LOTUS ISLAND 13 (B,D,F,0,5) (Full Circle Pic) N Tinkler 4-10-11
423-115 PERSIAN BLADE 18 (CD,BF,5) NY Despleish) G Moore 5-10-7
1-9 CHAMPE PERSIAN SLADE 18 (CD,BF,5) NY Despleish) G Moore 5-10-7 Selections By Mandarin

1-P CHANCE REMARK SD (S) (A Colins) TO Nell 5-10-3.
28-4062 PERSIAN SPLENDOUR & [D,G) (P Bulen-Brieft) J Blundell 4-10-2.
213/000 ABSONIANT 18 [CD.F.O.S) (A Fannigan) Mrs G Reveley 5-10-0. Long handicate: Absonant 9-13. BETTRICs 11-4 Lotus Island, 7-2 Persian Slade, S-1 Jinsy Jack, S-1 Chance Remark, Persian Spiendo 10-1 Pit Pony, 18-1 Threspiand, 20-1 others.

1967; GOOS LAW 6-10-10 P Niver (7-2 law) Mrs. O Reveiley 9 ran

Uttoxeter (2m, soil) lest time, ran on to be 18% 5th of 18 to Anthous at Newcastle (2m, good) on penultimete outing. Would prefer a ties of atamine.

FORM LOTUS ISLAND, the winner of four selling hurdise this season, can successfully step up in clear here. The coit's most recent victory was gaines at Notinghem (2m, good) beating Sharp Order by 15. PERSIAN BLADE beat Regal Bee 4! over course and distance (good to soft) in January beating Pigmas 8. In a novice over the month, Phistrad 12 5th to Deplets on most recent Criterick (2m, good) start.

PERSIAN SPLENDOUR, 71 2nd to Cherie Dickers at Uttowater (2m, soft) last time, ran on to be 18% 5th of 18 to Andhous at Newceste (2m, good) on constitutes output. Would prefer a this of stamine.

2.30 GATEHEAD NOVICES HURDLE (6895: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

•	0-12	KING'S HARVEST 15 (D.F.G) (I Bray) O Moore 5-11-4	- 8
	2 2-1	REGARDLESS 15 (S) (Mrs J Wison) J Blundel 8-11-4	9
- (2-12332	THERD IN LINE 14 (BLD BF.J.) (R Hanges) Jimmy Pezgerald 5-11-4	
- 4	1 75	BALLYDALY EXPRESS 23 (5) (J Martin Engineers Ltd) O Richards 5-10-12_ N Doughty	_
-		CANEY RIVER 11 (Mrs J Doyle) J S Wison 5-10-12 J Gaine	
- 1		LEON 7 (Full Cardle Thoroughoradas Pic) N Tinkler 8-10-12	
-		RIEN NE VA PLUS 35 (5) (5 Hussey) Fi Fisher 5-10-12 R Beggie	
		SCANDALOUS RUMOURI 18 (New J Million) Miss M Million 6-10-12	
		SMALES BETTER 20 (5) (A MecDonald) R Flather 6-10-12.	
10		PRETTY GAYLE 9 (J Eyre) Denye Smith 6-10-7 A G Books (7)	
	BETTMO	11-4 Loon, 7-2 Regardens, 9-2 King's Hervest, 8-1 Third in Line, 8-1 Bellydely Exp	****

10-1 Blan No Va Plus, 12-1 Smiles Better, 14-1 others. 1987: ARCTIC CALL 4-11-4 G Bradley (11-8 tev) Mrs M Dickinson 19 ran

FORM REGARDLESS made e successful surfly when besting previous winner Lyns Magic by 11. Has scope and can win.

THRIO IN LIBRE had LEON (1th better off) 8 back in 5th when 3 2nd to Galloway Reider at Southwell (2n 4t, soft) lest dine. May taxingle to confirm placings today but should again make the frame. LEON showed improved form test time when 3 2nd to Smithonlar at Dorcaste (3n 122)d, good) and may well appraciate shorter trip today.

PRETTY GAYLE (mished 17%) 8th of 18 to Yaheek at Catteriok (2m, good) and has something to find with THRID IN LINK on running here (2m 8), good to soft) less month. Relaction: REGARDLESS (000) 3.0 DRUMJOHN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,238: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

RING'S HARVEST best Copeland Lad 71 at Hardem (2m 41, good) and comes back to that trip today after head 2nd of 18 to Human of Artistr at Carlein (2m 11 11Dpd, heavy), with RIEN NE VA PLUS well in

BETTING: 11-8 Spritebrand, 3-1 Aden Apolio, 4-1 Brother Geoffrey, 8-1 David'a Tressure, 12-1 Matric tan Torchight.

1.45 RACING POST SERIES HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,127; 2m 80yd) (15 runners)

1113-63 OLD EROS 27 (CD.BF.G.S) (T Child) S Williams 4-12-5

1987: PROUD CON 6-10-0 8 Storey (3-1) J Charlion 7 ran

FORM SPRITEBRAND is an improving horse and can doly 8th penalty. Beat Bright intervals by 301 (4th success of season) at Doncaster (2m 4t, good to firm) on latest start. On pravious outing came home unchallenged at Kernpton (2m 4t, good to farm) in a conditional event. ADEN APOLLO, seeking 4th course and distance success, gained the most recent victory here last month beating Raise An Argument 6 (sort). BROTHER GEOFFREY reces of same mark here as when getting up close home to best Centre Attraction (gave 6th) a heed in a conditional handicap at Haydock (2m 4t, sort).

DAVID'S TREASURIX elso best Centre Attraction (gave 1965) 151 at Carriste (2m 4f, good to soft) and comes back in distriction after being tabled off behind Saxon Steve at Carriste (3m, heavy) lost time. TARTAN TORCHLIGHT best The Buckwhest 41 in a novice chase at Wolverhampton (2m 44, soft) lest term and reverts to that distance for his seasonal debut after being his dever longer distances. MATRIC, 151 2nd to Pride HII last time at Warwick (2m 4f, good to soft), may again find one too good. Selection: SPRITERRAND

FAKENHAM

Selections By Mandarin

2.15 Man O'Magic. 2.45 High Imp. 3.15 Speckyfoureyes. 12.45 Star Macstro. 1.15 Red Shah. 1.45 OLD EROS (nap).

Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 Speckyfoureyes

Guide to our in-line racecard 1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (RF,F,G,E) (Nats O Robinson) S Hall 12-0. Receased number: Six-figure form (F - fell, distance winner, BF - beaten favourite in P - pulled up. U - unseeted rider, B - brought down. S - alipped up. R - refused.
O - disqualified, Horsa's name. Oays alone last outing; F if flat (B - binkers. or soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in V - visor. H - hood. E - Bysshield. C - course and handlesper's rating.

Going: good 12.45 FITZWILLIAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,318: 2m 80yd) (15 runners)

12.45 FITZWILLIAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,318: 2m 80yd) (15 runners)
1 41450/0- TURN FOR THRETTER 405 (©) (J Filich-Hoyes) J Filich-Hoyes 5-11-13 _ Date McKeowri
2 20.4610 BEALBLEU BAY 21 (V.D.G) (F. Johnson V. Hording) J Filich-Hoyes 5-11-13 _ Date McKeowri
2 20.4610 BEALBLEU BAY 21 (V.D.G) (F. Johnson V. Hording) J Filich-Hoyes 5-11-13 _ J Filips (7)
0 8-44301 ARTISTIC CHAMPION 34 (D.F) (Mass W Redmart) J Jardicis 5-11-7 _ M Alven (4)
0 940-005 LADY WINDINGL 14 (D.G) (S. Certmel) 8 Stevens 5-11-6 _ S. Hoore
0 3442-20 BAYTINO 0 (M Thomas) J Long 5-11-3 _ R Geldeselve
8 04-005 BEYTINO 0 (M Thomas) J Long 5-11-3 _ R Geldeselve
9 04-005 BEYTINO 0 (M Thomas) J Long 5-11-3 _ R Geldeselve
10 Filips PET 21 (B Fulton) A Lee 4-11-2 _ G Noore 4
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10 Filips PET 21 (B Fulton) A Lee 4-11-2 _ G Noore 4
10 Filips PET 21 (B Fulton) B Melor 5-10-12 _ G Noore 4
10 Filips PET 21 (B Fulton) B Melor 5-10-12 _ G Noore 4
11 Filips PET 21 (B Fulton) B Melor 5-10-10 _ J McLangdish
12 SAP-034 STAR MAESTRO 15 (T Wood) J Pearce 0-10-10 _ J McLangdish
13 ROD BLANDELL BEAUTY 25 (Mass W Hart) R Hoad 4-10-10 _ M Hoad (7)
14 00693-9 THAS BEAUTY 13 (B) (P Bradley) J Radmond 4-10-10 _ M Hoad (7)
15 00Py06-F JURGE JAMBOREE 273 (R Sheward) J Scalian 4-10-10 _ Mr S Cowell
15 COPYNOS- JURGE JAMBOREE 273 (R Sheward) J Scalian 5-10-10 _ Mr S Cowell
16 ETTING: 11-4 Artistic Crampion, 7-2 Star Massivo, 5-1 Another Season, 5-1 Baytino, 9-1 Beauticu B 98 97 SETTING: 11-4 Artistic Champion, 7-2 Star Massiro, 5-1 Another Sesson, 5-1 Baytino, 9-1 Besuleu Boy, 10-1 Tigers Pet, 12-1 Hachimitau, 14-1 Rehearsing, 16-1 Others.

1967: PRONUPTIA BRIDE 8-10-11 A Carroll (6-4 fav) II Winde 13 ren

1.15 WAVENEY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,154: 3m) (4 runners) 1 23/11PE- INDAMELODY 245 (D.Q.S) (Mrs III Thorne) N Henderson 10-12-7 ____ J White 98
98-F/ RED SHAH 639 (G Harwood) G Herwood 11-10-3 ____ III Perrett 98
3 344/335 PRINCE CARLTON 25 (CD.F.Q.S) (Mrs J Bloom) Mrs J Bloom 18-10-0 ____ Mrs S Cowell 994
4 236-032 JOHN O'DEE 14 (G Hubberd) G Hubberd 5-10-0 ____ C O'Dwyer 42 apr. John O'Dea 0-10.

BETTING: 4-5 Indamelody, 3-1 Red Shah, 9-2 Prince Carlton, 8-1 John O'Dee. 1987: TROUVERE 0-10-6 A Carroll (11-8 fav) D Wintle 9 ran

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1113-63 OLD EROS 27 (CD,BF,G,S) (T Critic) R Williams 4-12-5 R Deservoidy 4-52140 ZAGAZIG 35 (D,G,S) (J Urock) N Callegran 5-11-8 P Scademore 5-10-124 KADAN 17 (CD,G) (M Whiteley) M Tompidins 4-11-6 S J O'Nettl 41-8-21 HARD TO HOLD 87 (RF,G) (Mrx V Hambry) C Alien 5-11-5 Mrx A Hambry 20-2220 PLL DO THE JOKES 0 (R Graham) P Alboriel 5-11-2 O Gallegram 1915-53 COURT RELET 23 (D,D,S) (Exors of the late 1 Deby) Mics 8 Witton 5-11-1 S Bookh Encise 2051-20 PRINCEABLE LADY 34 (CD,F,S) (R Graham) N Gaseine 4-10-10 S Powell 14/DFP JUST TRIBRONG 267 (S) (R Moors) J Phat-Heyres 10-10-7 Date McKlewm 5-70-50 ACONSTUM 15 (D,S) (P Barrey) 8 Morgan 6-10-5 Mrx A Checklewin 6-69/404 GRUNDY LANE 14 (D,F,S) (P Barrey) 8 Morgan 6-10-5 C Prince 090-23 ARABAN BLUES 20 (R Wright) S Dow 5-10-2 R Guest COSS(1) F (COWER OF TIMTERN 698) (CD,G) ART A Checkler) J Ringer 0-18-0 D Marphy 000-90 CLOPTON 14 (G Hubbard) 8 Hubbard 4-10-0 C O'Dwyer 0-3F9 GLTSEY PUSS 14 (Wingerbourne Construction List) L Corbett 5-10-0 D Marphy Leong headlesp: Coppon 9-0, Giftsey Puss 8-13, Le Marsh 6-11. 78 Long headisep: Copion 9-0, Gibey Puss 8-13, Le Marsh 6-11.

BETTRIC: 11-4 Old Eros, 9-2 Keden, 5-1 Zegazig, 7-1 Court Ruler, 6-1 Arablen Blues, 10-1 FII Do The pices, 12-1 Hard To Hold, Princeable Lady, 14-1 others.

1987: CREEAGER 6-10-0 S J O'Neill (5-2 lim) W Whenton 9 nan 2.15 WIMPEY HOMES NOVICES CHASE (£1,534: 2m 5f 110yd) (3 runners) ... M Portett 90 2.45 TURFCALL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SERIES HANDICAP CHASE (Round 8: £2,322: 2m) (10 runners) 1 10-5991 HBCH NBF 14 (B.D.F.Q.S) (M Julier) 8 Christian 6-11-13
2 FF0-629 PEARLY (S.EM 15 (BF.S) (Mrs F Winter) C Brooks 8-11-10
0 4-1383 DOWNHILL RUN 42 (D.F) (Mrs A Gatins) J White 7-10-12
4 SPF-925 TILLOMAGERANGE 17 (F) (Mrs J Starre) J Bridger 9-10-12
2 32U40F VAGUELY ARTISTICS (B.CD.F.S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 5-10-12
0 632521 NONSTOP 7 (D.F) (Calke Abbey Racing) P O'Connor 9-10-11 (Sex)
7 P-2*202 NOMAN 16 (D.S) (T Bayley) O Bridgers 8-10-0
9 101-653 HENRY GEARY STEELS 14 (G.S) (F Chemponi R Chempon 8-10-0
10 0020-64 GOLDEN NORMAN 14 (S) (A Sherstron) 8 Stevens 10-10-0
Long handlesp: Henry Geary Steels 9-12, Golden Norman 9-8
BETTING: 3-1 High Mrg. 9-2 Norstop, 5-1 Downhill Flux, 8-1 Pourly Run, 6-1 V R Tengton
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By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

The deposition of England's Jonathan Webb as the South and South-West full back this

week was made even more intriguing by the selection, on the same day, of Mick Lowther to play for the North,

in the final round of the

Toshiba divisional champ-

It means that all four di-

visional sides will field un-

capped full backs; one reason,

perhaps, why England may

place more faith in Webb than

have the South-West because

none of the other challengers

have yet established forceful

credentials as potential inter-

Stuart Thresher, the Harle-

quin, and Simoo Hodgkinson,

of Nottingham, may be said to

be nearest to it because both

have played in B inter-

nationals, though Hodgkinson of course is a stand-off half for

Before the divisional

Langford's form had been

excellent for Orrell but oow he

has gone, to be replaced by

Lowther who has been on the

North bench for the last

Lowther gets the call as

much, no doubt, at the behest

of David Rohinson, the North

coach, as anyone else. Both are

Cumbrians and the county

XV played exceptionally well

in this season's championship,

just missing a semi-final place.

By general consensus the

man of the northern group of

the County Championship

was Lowther, even though he

has played little first class club

his job: he is a prison officer

working at Brixton and last

season duty kept him inside -

if that is the right phrase - at

weekends. This season is his

year outside which gives him

free weekends and the chance

to join Sale though be has yet

to play for their senior side;

one game in the second XV at

At 26, Lowther is no spring

stand-off is his limit thus far.

chicken; he was an England

coit - at centre - in the same side as John Hall (Bath) and

Mark Linnett (Moseley) and

since his days at Cockermouth

Grammar School has moved

around from Netherhall to

When work took him to

London he thought about the

possibilities offered by

Rosslyn Park but then the

county reclaimed him and the

as a nice surprise but we had a

good county championship in

Cumbria and that has built up

a bit of confidence," Lowther

variation from the back:

Mick hasn't got Simon

Langford's physical characteristics but he can

catch high balls, he's quick

and he's a good footballer,"

"I do think that just to go out and try to win the di-

visional championship isn't

the be-all and end-all. I think

we have to give players a chance to show if they can

David Pears, another Cum-

another promising footballer,

Alan Buzza, the new South-

West full back, will prove as

diverting as the match itself.

survive at that level."

"The North selection comes

association came to nothing.

Gosforth, to Fylde.

said yesterday.

the coach said.

That though has been due to

rugby during the last year.

Simon

nationals themselves.

championship

fortnight.

ionship tomorrow.

CRICKET

A repeat of run-out fiasco starts an Australian collapse

From John Woodcock Melbourne

Australia were beaten by West Indies in the World Series Cup here last night, more easily than in Sydney on Tuesday but in a match which followed similar contours. They lost by 34 runs, being bowled out for 202 in reply to the West Indian total of 236.

West Indies are looking a very different side from the one that failed to reach the semi-finals of last year's World Cup in India and Pakistan, which Australia woo. The presence of Greenidge and the bowling not so much of Marshall as of Amhrose, as well aa Richards's firmer hold on the tiller, has got them back on

For all that, they were lucky in the end to escape defeat in Sydney, and the longer the Waugh twins stayed together yesterday the less unlikely it became that Australia were going to win.

Then, horror of horrors, Stephen Waugh and Border were both run out while Mark Waugh was partnering them, just as had happened on Tuesday: this was a double right and left by Mark, quite as remarkable as anything Lord Walsingham or the Marquis of Ripon ever entered into their game books.

Greenidge has begun the competition with scores of 70, 52 and now 57. He could hardly be in better form. Although he lost Haynes in the tenth over yesterday and Richardson in the twelth, Logie made a nimble 44, full of delightful leg glances, and

A difficult choice for Yorkshire

By Martin Searby

Yorkshire's seven-stroog management committee will meet at Park Avenue today to decide whether first-class cricket can return to the famous Bradford venue after a break of

After a tour of the ground, which has been offered to the county at a peppercorn rent by the city council, they will have talks with the Friends of Park project which, initially, would provide Yorkshire with a groundstaff, on which young players could be developed.

Bob Appleyard, the former England bowler, who started his career on the Bradford ground 50 years ago, thinks it is the most important decision in the county's history.

"Yorkshire cricket is not good' enough and we have to do choigh and we have to do something about it," he said. "We are losing far too many good young players, whose sense of loyalty has changed, and they are earning a better living at other counties.

"Why allow our lads to join the Lord's groundstaff when we could have one of our own? Facilities like those at Park Avenue don't come along very often."

Early opposition to scheme came from Brian Walsh, the chairman, who represents the adjacent district of Leeds. However, it does have the backing of Brian Close and his

Io domestie terms, the men's and women's volleyball teams

selected to represent Britain at next year's World Student Games to Sao Paulo are of

quality. Both cootain a fair percentage of internationals from the home nations.

On international terms, the

organizers see Britain's chances

of doing well in Brazil as

second only to the Olympics io importance and many of the

leading East European, Asian

and South Americae nations

will have been playing together

trials have paid their own way. A squad practice is planned this

weekend, but hopes for monthly

FOOTBALL

OTHER SPORT

WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CUP WIN-

women's European cup win-mers's Handball CUP. Man-chester United SSS lost 12-7 to Sasja Antwerp lest weekend in their first taste of European competition. An uncompromising defence effectively dempened the Belgian chambers' effect in this first.

effectively dampened the Belgian champions' attack in this first-round, first-leg match. Tomorrow at Eccles the team, which boasts seven Great Britain internationals, acties the second law with recommend.

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League Second division

Birmingham v Chelsei Ipswich v Oldham (7.4

Fourth division

Crawe v Torquay ... Rochdale v Colches

Tranmere v Darlington . Wrexham v Cambridge

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Paul Maher's suggestion for a sporting day out

Players selected for the British

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-83, 2-45, 3-89, 4-182, 5-194, 6-202, 7-203, 8-203, 9-235, BOWLING: Aderman 7-1-22-0; Hughes 8-0-39-0; McDermott 3,2-2-38-4; S R Waugh 10-0-57-3; Taylor 10-0-52-1; Border 5-0-23-1.

AUSTRALIA
G R Marsh c Hooper b Ambrose ...
O C Boon c Dujon b Benjamin
O M Jones Rw b Richards
S R Waugh run out
M E Waugh to Ambrose
'A R Border run out
I A Heatly c Ambrose b Benjamin ...
L Taylor b Ambrose b Benjamin ...
'I Taylor b Ambrose ...
I McDermott c Dujon b Ambrose ...
I G Hughes not out ...
M Alderman b Ambrose
Ednas # 4

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-53, 3-110, 4-168, 5-184, 6-190, 7-192, 8-197, 9-202. BOWLING: Marshall 10-0-39-0; Ambrose 8-2-1-17-5; Walsh 10-0-45-0; Benjumin 9-

Richards was more patient than for a match or two. After 35 overs West Indies were 160 for three, Richards and Logic having already added 71. Eleven overs later they were 203 for eight and in oeed of some more runs. The 32 which Marshall and Ambrose added for the ninth wicket were to make all the

Bowling in pants cut out of what is apparently a wet suit, to act as a kind of truss for an injured groin (he wore them inside his trousers) Stephen Waugh picked up three useful wickets. There had also been a time last year he had played

himself more with accuracy than speed. It is a style that suited him and which be might do well to adopt if he is chosen to play in the Test match here at the end of next It was a curious pitch,

Australian bowling came from

McDermott, who coocerned

lighter in colour and more capable of being stirred than most of Melbourne's, yet diffi-cult on which to keep the score moving. Even Boon, who has been in such good form, took 17 overs to make 20, and it was not Marsh's scene. But Jones's scampering between wickets was a help, and then the Waughs took it to 168 for three with 10 overs left and the balance shifting perceptibly.

The run-outs followed After Richards's first two overs had gone for 18, he was not much punished. He was in his ninth over when Stephen Waugh went to pull him survived an appeal for leg before, made to run without being quite sure where the ball had gone, and was run out, sent back by his brother. Next Border, the striker, was encouraged by Mark Waugh to take a second to Walsh at deer mid-on, took it on and paid the penalty. The rest was

Ambrose finished with five for 17, which would have been fivefor 11 a couple of years ago when bowlers were not debited with wides. They made him Man of the Match. This tight opening spell from only one first-class game.

Srikkanth again shines as bowler

Indore (Renter) - The Indian Wright, with 43, and Greatbatch opening batsman, Srikkanth, did his stuff as a bowler once again here yesterday, taking five wickets as New Zealand were beaten by 53 runs in the third one-day international.

India's victory gave them a winning 3-0 lead in the five-match series. They won the recent Test series by the margin

Srikkanth, who has emerged as an effective change bowler with his right-arm off spin, taking five for 27 in the opening India, who were put in to bat,

made 222 for six in a game reduced from 50 to 45 overs after a wet outfield had delayed New Zealand were in with a

good chance when their score stood at 125 for three but after Srikkanth had dismissed the dangerous Mark Greatbatch, for 64, they fell away to end oo 169

The highlight of the Indian innings was an unbeaten 54-run seventh wicket partnership between Sharma, who made 52, and wicketkeeper Pandit, which lifted their side to a respectable total Sharma his three fours and three sixes, one off the last ball

of the ionings.
Srikkanth 20d 20d
Chandrasekhar had put on 59to
give India a good start but this was rather wasted by the other batsmen at the top and in the middle of the order.

New Zealand batted slowly after the loss of two early

fought back with a stand of 55 for the third wicket before Wright was caught. Srikkanth, the sixth Indian

bowler to be used, then had Tony Blain caught at deep square leg and bowled John Greatbatch gave a catch to Kami Dev and, with the help of Pandit, Sukkanth also took the wickets of Gray and Snedden.

V B Chendrosekhur b Kupgelehn 53
N S Siddhu c Rutherford b Kupgelehn 14
'D B Vengsarker c Jones b Gray 14
M Azheruddin c Bracawell b Gray 17
Kapil Dev c Bilain b Snedden 11
A Sharma not out 59

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-59, 2-91, 3-105, 4-125, 5-141, 6-168.

104, 0-108. BOWLING: Chatfield 7-2-23-0; Watson 5-1-30-0; Snedden 8-0-43-2; Kuggeleijn 9-2-31-2; Rutherlard 3-0-18-0; Bracewell 8-0-40-0; Gray 5-0-25-2. NEW ZEALAND

"J G Wright c Ayub b Marinder 43
A H Jones c Pandit b S Sharma 6
K R Rutheriord c Kapil Dev b S Sharma 6
M J Greatbetch c Kapil Dev b Sriddanth 17
C M Kuggelein run out 0
J O Bracewell b Sriddanth 7
F L Grae b Bandit b Sriddanth 7

Gray at Pandit b Sr C Snedden c Penalt o sne K Watson not out J Chatfield not out Extree (b 10, w 2, nb 2) Total (9 wkts, 45 overs)

after the loss of two early 32-5.
wickets but their captain, John Umphres: R B Gupta and R S Rathod.

STUDENT SPORT

League plan for students

were not prepared to release players. "We have a training camp planned for Easter, but basically, we're begging facilides that are free, so the venue has not been decided," Keith Nicholls, the men's team or-ganizer, said. ganizer, said.

Given this frustration, volley-

ball is planning a revolution in student sport. Io 1989-90, the English Volleyball Association. has been asked to allow British men's and women's student teams into the respective first divisions of the National

League.
And the following season, squad players will be asked to try to take a year off on sabbatical so they can train during the time leading up to the sessions have died because clubs Sheffield Universiade.

EQUESTRIANSM: Olympia show. SWIMMING: Mik in Action Grand Prix (Gloucester).

SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL 1988; ITV 4-5 a.m. (tomor-row): Los Angeles Dodgers v Oekland

rows: Los Angees Lougers v venan. Athletos. ECLESTRIANSM: BBC1 11 p.m.-12.10 a.m.: Show jumping from Clympia (see also Sport On Friday: BBC2 2-3.50 p.m.: Equestrianism: Show jumping from Clympia. Celf: Highlights of the European women's tour.

determination. United will create British history if they progress to the

How to get there: Eccles Recreation Centre, Barton Lane, Eccles (061-787 7107). Admission £1 for adults and 25p for children and pensioners. Entertainment commences with a warm-up match at 5.30 p.m. and the Cup game starts at 7 p.m.

TEAMS: Men: A Bistotrox (South Bank Poly and England), P Bone (Trames Poly and England), P Bone (Trames Poly and England), P Conton (Marchester Poly), B Gallowey (Bingrown Poly), I Grubb (Giasgow Crif and Scotland), O Knight (Manchester Poly), B True men (Manchester School of Nursing), M Allen (Bristol University), J Alboopp (Bristol Poly), P Derives (Trames Poly and England), R Heatter (Leeds Poly), C Torrance (Sheffield University), C Williams (Bidey Chie), O Wol (South Bank Poly and England), Womens J Leisconty, P Game (Dorset Irie), J Galbraith (Iniversity of Ulseer and N Instand), A Coleman (Glasgow Univ and Scotland), L Gavin (Napier Poly), G dimminson (Unat), J Powell (Crewe and Alsager Chie and Wales), C Gilmartin (Louistana State and Scotland), R Begum (Trinky and Al Saines Coll, Leeds), N Board (Michiesex Poly), C Dignen (Napier Poly), B Gonste (Marcheser Velv), C Dignen (Rapier Poly), M Couris (Marcheser Univ.), D Bonar (Famborough Coll & England), K Gouling (Brighton Poly and England), K Gouling (Brighton Poly and England), B Bistotroz (Caligary Univ.).

Bromsgrove have a run of nine matches without defeat to erase the memory of some indifferent KCS Wimbledon, coached by

Sevenoaks have twice previously lost to Palmerston North BHS, from New Zealand, but won this week (10-0)

Bob Hiller, have lost twice, their first and most recent matches, but 12 wins from 14 games makes this their most successful

season for many years.

Loretto have woo six, drawn one and lost three matches this season but kept their best rugby for Strathallan, winning 18-0.

Blundell's, who cootribute seven players including their captain, Toby Bland, to Deron, have enjoyed a good season. winning 12 and losing three matches. They scored 252 points to 117 conceded and regarded the twin highlights of Woodhouse Grove drew two

matches but won 11 out of 14 in an excellent season. They scored 203 to 42 conceded.

10 from 14 games. They scored 303 points to 72 against.

RUGBY UNION: DIVISIONAL SIDES FIELD UNTRIED FULL BACKS FOR FINAL ROUND OF CHAMPIONSHIP Lowther off the bench at last Dawe is baffled by swift omission

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Graham Dawe's commitment to the cause of South-West rugby is beyond dispute. His programme for last Friday, the day before he played for South West against the Midlands in Nottingham, confirmed that. It reads as follows: Up at 5.30 a.m. to feed his animals, then off to the local market for 8 a.m. A dash to the railway station near his Launceston home to catch the 10.15 train to reach Cheltenham in time for training at 2.30. Then, as he puts it, you have to put in a

Last Saturday in the divisional match, Dawe missed a tackle which helped create the position for Midlands'

crucial late score.
This week he was dropped for his troubles, left only with the memory of crawling into his Cornish farmhouse from the midlands well after midnight early on Sunday morning ... four hours before he had to get up to feed his stock

once more.
Dawe has worked hard to re-establish himself in the pecking order for an England place in the new year. At the age of 29 he believes he is in his prime, an assertion con-firmed by his Bath colleagues. who acknowledge bis contribution to their success in the Courage Championship

first division this season. But being dropped by the South-West this week may have undermided all his efforts. They feature, too, a regular twice-weekly round trip of 325 miles from his home to training sessions either with Bath or, in recent weeks, with the South-West.

He confesses his dismay at this week's news. "I am confused and disappointed. I do not understand what the selectors are trying to get at. I was given clear reasons why they put me into the side for the Midlands match after Kevin Dunn had been dropped, following the first game of the divisional townament.

"I was told my line-out throwing was much better, and that was essential. Then they reversed the decision after one match. How can that be justified?

"Now, I do not know where I stand. It does not mean I will no longer attend: I shall sit on the bench with hope. But the feeling of being made a scapelands is hard to resist, especially when no one tells you why it has happened. Nor is it for me to ask them."

Dawe suspects the South-West selectors were under pressure to make changes after last week's defeat. But he remains baffled as to why he was omitted seven days after being told he was being chosen on merit.

"Being dropped for missing one tackle sounds very harsh after all the work I have put in this season. Besides, two others players missed the same guy and they stayed in." Dawe is a strong man.

Judged the fittest, too, when the England squad underwent rigorous fitness examinations earlier this year. But the machinations of

selectors in an amateur sport can induce hurt, even in the toughest of frames, and Dawe makes no attempt to hide his particular sorrow. Palmerston on song

Bromsgrove find their form

periods in minus the strictly non-partisan observer fervently hopes that these two clubs will be kept apart until the final itself in May. Otherwise its currency

What is to become of the corrent

Welsh team during the inter-national championship? What

mational championship? What the selection policy so far has shown — there were some changes in the team which played Romania from the one which played against Western Samoa, along with the 10 other players who played against France B—is the clear shortage of interactional quality players.

playing in Wales which leaves the casual observer as much as

the selectors in some confusion.

players who are absolutely cer-tain of their places and around which talent and experience a team can be built. This is not

What is happening at national

level only manages to reflect the

state of rugby at clab level. Not all the clubs, only those at the top who are meant to reflect the

best performers. Rugby is very bealthy at the level immediately

healthy at the level immediately beneath this as will be witnessed tomorrow when the cup com-

petition reaches the fourth round

Of the top clubs only two

possible at present.

Robinson speaks highly of the newcomer who, it is side must have a hard core of hoped, will add a touch more players who are absolutely cer-

David Pears, another Cumbrian, is enjoying that representative of Welsh clab opportunity this season; the ragby's past — Neath and joust between Lowther and another promising footballer,

There is no escape from that

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

victories over Taunton (24-9)

and Downside (16-9).

early results. They drew 15-15 with KES Birmingham last Sat-urday, having led 15-3 and, under the town club's flood-lights, registered their most recent victory, against the Scots School, Bathurst, from Australia (11-6), through tries by Mike Adebolo and Miles Taylor.

The Scots School, who have lost to Mill Hill, St Cyre's, Durham and Arnold have experienced difficulties over the different interpretation of the scrummaging laws.

through a try by their right wing.

Jonty Hoad, and two penalties season for years, winning seven, drawing two and losing three

matches. Among their most satisfying victories were: Mon-month (19-3), Taunton (12-7) at Canford (15-3). They drew (6-6) with both Sherborne and Chaltenham

Inside job: Lowther's duties at Brixton prison have limited his first-class appearances

Welsh selectors must stick

to a more limited squad

Even taking into account that

Bridgend were without their six international players on Mon-

day evening. Neath's perfor-

mine tries without reply, was impressively fulfilling. Once more, there was genuine pace to their game which hardly gave time for Bridgend to think, so

overwhelmed were they with black jerseys. They did not mount a threatening attack all evening. A 49-0 deleat reflects

rather poorly on a side which is

meant to represent the third leading club in Wales.

And you were left to wander to what extent Neath were moti-

what extent Neath were mot-vated by the desire to cock a spook at the Welsh selection committee. Up to the moment Paul Thorburn came on as replacement for Glen Webbe last Saturday, Neath were not represented in the team at all. Limelli had two.

Not that such leading clubs

should automatically have a

preponderance of players in the national side — it does not necessarily follow, after all, that

a good player at a club can transfer easily to the different

expectations elsewhere — but they might be able to show the way. With so many players, for instance, maure of their play for

Wales, at least Thorburn is certain of his. The Neath back

row, individually and collec-tively - Mark and Lys Jones

will suddenly devalue.

Cheltenham.
Leeds GS drew (13-13) with Stoayherst and lost only to Ampleforth, QEGS Wakefield and Mount St Mary's; they beat their neighbours, Bradferd GS (22-14) and inflicted the only defeat suffered by Woodhouse Grove, Leeds won 13 matches, scoring 343 points to 202 conceded.

Rugby, who lost only to Chelteaham, Nottingham HS and Radley by four, one and

three points respectively, won

Harrow School... Palmerston North HS., 18 The New Zealand boys had

By Mick Cleary

storming form the other evening. So was Kevin Phillips at hooker,

and Grabam Davies on the wing.

It may be worth reconsidering players who may have dis-

appointed in the past but for want of anything else would lend some presence at least at for-ward. The Welsh back row has

been weak and uncertain for a

Although there are weak-

nesses to their game, consideration must now be given to the

return of Paul Moriarty and

Mark Jones. Both give that sense of presence. Neither of the

two is exactly happy about playing the game going back-wards but none of those who have already played this season have either. It is a matter of

pointing out their deficiencies.

This would leave the opportu-

nity open for Phil Davies to Join

Norster at lock. John Wakeford has been made redundant.

Therefore a different kind of

player is needed to falfil the

requirements in the front of the

lineout and the scrum. Kevin Phillips should return at hooker.

This reconstruction might help the scrum but the two props,

Young and Griffiths, have yet to

What is certain over the next few weeks is that the selectors

have to make up their minds

and, come what may since the players are much of a muckness, stick to a more limited squad of

players than the 38 they have at

give a commanding show.

feared the worst before this game. In the opening match of their seven-week tour, against Sevenoaks on Tuesday, they had fared miscrably in the scrummage and lost 10-0.

Butdespite a heavy attack, Harrow failed to exert any telling pressure upfront and

Palmerston ran out comfortable winners by a goal and three tries. Harrow, who have had only a moderate season, seemed disconcerted by the New Zealanders' aggression. All too often they were knocked out of their stride and Palmerston scored two early tries through Lewis, their powerful left-wing, and their captain, Bayliss. Harrow fought back doggedly,

particularly at the start of the second half, but the strong running of Cross and Finlay (the younger brother of the former All Black, Mark Finlay) io the Palmerston centre, set up sec-ond-half tries for Lewis and

The last try in particular was an excellent example of slick passing under pressure as Cross performed a rapid midfield loop. Stavri and Pampinini, in the Harrow back row, led several late charges, but the Palmerston defence held firm.

The New Zealand side have six more matches in England and Wales

and Wales
HARROW: P Gordon, S Norton, C Soborg,
2 Walker, N Surna; J Pool, B Duncan; J
Gooke (captain), J Digges, T Hughes, C
Stephenson, H Bond-Gurning, A Stavri, S
Pampinini, L Ouveroll,
PALMERSTON MORTH: B Herries; D
McKsy, H Finley, A Cross, N Lewis; T
Attenborough (rep: B Norwood), B
Quigan; O Austin, R Howe, H Lintett D
Parsons, D Cemeron, B Davey, H Bayiss
(captain), T Moore (rep: C Anderson).

BOXING: BRITISH FEATHERWEIGHT WITH WORLD-CLASS CREDENTIALS

Hodkinson on the right path

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent Britain's most exciting young Barry McGuigan of the world world prospect, Paul tide 13 months ago.

Hodkinson, of Liverpool, could Eastwood, who is also Ire
Bobby Neill, a former British world prospect, Paul Hodkinson, of Liverpool, could be boxing for the world title this

After retaining his British featherweight ritle in spectacular fashion in the second round against Kevin Taylor, of Roch-dale, at the Kirkby Sports

Centre on Wednesday night, Hodkinson's manager, B J Eastwood, outlined a three-stage scheme to prepare him for the world title challenge. First, Hodkinson would defend his British title to make the Lousdale Belt his own, then challenge Jean Marc Renard, of Belgium, for the European title,

land's leading bookmaker, compared Hodkinsoo to a Derby horse. "We know he is good but not how good. He has done six furloags, seven furloags, eight furloags, seven furloags, eight furloags, a mile but not a mile-and-a-half. From all appeals

ances he should go far. He could be fighting for the world one in 12-18 months' time." uppercut."
Hodkinson is, however, short hiodkinson is, however, short for a featherweight and because of his aggressive style takes more punches than is good for him. So it is just as well that he could be challenging for the world fille after three more bouts. Eastwood is hoping that Antonio Esparagoza, of Ven-ezuela, who is setting on, will Although Hodkinson has nead only 13 contests the plan seems a good one. He has a remarkably cool temperament for a 23-year-old and is the most skilful puncher to Britain, 12 of his bouts having ended inside the distance. He mits combinations Although Hodkinson has had ensurings lean Marc Renard, of the Belgium, for the European title, and finally, test his readiness against Steve Cruz, of the United States, who relieved came in the first round. It was a Antonio Esparagoza, of Ven-ezuela, who is setting on, will still be the World Boxing Association champion by the

a higher class bobby Neill, a former British Chris Pyatt picked up a cut and another victory at York Hall, Bethnal Green, on Wednesday featherweight champion, who trained Lloyd Honeyghan, said: "I was most impressed by his punching. The doubled-up right was beautiful and he did a thing but neither will have much bearing on his projected meeting with Robert Hines for the International Boxing Federation I have not seen for a very long light-middleweight title in time, following a jab up with an March (Jonathan Rendall writes).

before Pyatt deposited Tyrone Moore, of Kentscky, on the cauvas for the full count inside a round, is no more than a nick.

The victory, his 26th in 28 contests, confirmed that opponents at Moore's level have a hard time living with the Leicester man's left book. Pyatt said afterwards: "It's

SQUASH RACKETS

Pyatt eager to step up to Ironing out fixture lists

endar leading to a long-desired grand prix finals event, accord-ing to Andrew Shelley, the first WSPF director. "We have 20 major joter-

national tournaments already as provisional members. This is the body best placed to bring about 2 fully cohesive inter-national fixture list, and is well able to formulate a genuine world grand prix, "he said. The WSPF risks carly dismissal as just aoother unpronouncable pressure group unless it can quickly iron out perennial scheduling wrinkles

The announcement yesterday of a World Squash Promoters
Federation could be the key to a coordinated international cal-Finnish Open.
The International Squash

Rackets Federation has done circuit, but has been powerless to deal with the overlapping demands of some independent promoters. The International Squash Players Association has grown in both numbers and disciplinary influence over the

years and recently joined with the ISRF to form MISTC, the Men's International Squash Tournament Council, which by its very nature left WISPA, the women's player association, out of all its calculations. that spoil the international presentation of squash. This season, for instance, the Al Falaj Open clather precisely with the Shelley is joined by Jorma Paakkar, of Finland, and Harry Nair, of Singapore, on the WEDF promition

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From David Miller

team for the Davis Cup final against West Germany, which begins here today, was in severe

Yesterday, Hans Olsson re-

sisted the temptation to select Kent Carlssoo for the singles together with Mass Wilander, winner of the other three grand alam fitles of 1988. Carlsson, winner of 50 out of 56 matches

this year all on clay - a self-imposed restriction because of

Sweden through the tie against

Today, Edberg's recovery dur-

ing the past six weeks of rehabilization with Pickard will

over Denmark and Yugoslavia.
Olsson, declining to specify
his reasons, concedes that his
selection was finally decided on

Wednesday afternoon, on tac-

tical reasons: recognition that

Edberg's current form in prac-tice was impressive and also,

presumably, now that Edberg had won his last two encounters

with Becker, in the Wimbledon

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Francis ready to crack whip

By Stuart Jones Football Correspondent

The newest manager in the

Football League is to run his club on old-fashioned principles. Trevor Francis, appointed late on Wednesday night as Jim Smith's successor at Queen's Park Rangers, has expressed his fundamental belief in discipline. The whip is to be cracked at Loftus Road. A softly spoken, genial in-dividual, Francis neither looks nor behaves like a regimental sergeant major. But no one, least of all the All the area of th squad which he has inherited, should doubt the strength or sincerity of his conviction. Revealed initially during a conversation on the journey to Merseyside last weekend, he

confirmed it yesterday. Brian Clough and the Italians have taught him that a stern code of conduct, both on and off the pitch, is not only admirable, it is also essential. He is certain that, because the general standard of behaviour has declined in England, so the domestic game bas

Clough carved a niche in history for Francis in 1979 when he became the first British player to be transferred for £1 million. The man in charge of Nottingham Forest subsequently made an equally deep impression on an England international who has served under most of the modern game's most prom-

modern game's most prominent managers.

They include such dignitaries as Sir Alf Ramsey, Don Revie, Ron Greenwood, Bobby Robson, Graeme Souness, John Bond and Jim Smith. Francis has no hestation in electrical Court to the tion in elevating Clough to the top of the list.
"He is the best there has

been in this country for 20 years," he says. "I wish every player had the chance to play under him." But why should he hold in such high esteem the man who has been accused of being abrasive and lond-mouthed, of publicly ridiculing his representatives, of acting like an ogre, and of running a regime based on

"His No. 1 is his discipline," Francis responds with emphatic brevity. "The youngsters at Forest - like Carr, Webb, Walker and his own son — are not afraid. Otherwise, they wouldn't be able to express themselves. They are allowed to play with total freedom but within a disciplined system."

He intends to follow Clough's example, to encourage flexibility within a Italian clubs Sampdoria and inevitably occur and the criti- Wimbledon on Wednesday tight framework. "Players Atalanta. "They are so pro- cism to which he is already (one of, if not the, best

extended

With Chelsea poised to go top of the second division tonight, Kerry Dixon pledged himself yesterday to the club for virtu-ally the remainder of his playing

career. He has signed a four-year extension of his contract which

will keep him at Stamford Bridge until he is aged 32 (Clive

The former England centre forward has had a change of heart since John Hollins left the

cinh as manager last season. For a couple of seasons, Dixon had been anxious to break away but

the cluh was reluctant to sell

him to Arsenal, its London rivals, and Dixon himself re-

jected the chance to join West Ham United in a £1m move.

"Deep down, my heart was always with Chelsea," he said. "Bobby Campbell has made n helluva difference. He and Ian Porterfield are a good partner-ship. I believe we are on our way heart to the ton."



Having faith in his ability: Francis, appointed manager of Queen's Park Rangers, does not think he is too nice for the job

have got to be relaxed. Sometimes you look at some faces before the kick-off and you would think that they are going to war, they and their muscles are so tense. That is

Francis does recognize one obvious irony. He now happens to be in charge of the player who holds the worst ever disciplinary record. Dennis, who has been booked on more than 70 occasions, was recently ordered yet again to explain his actions to the Football Association.

"It is a sad case because when he concentrates, he is one of the best left backs in the ecountry. But he has had all these problems and, if Jim Smith and Lawrie McMenemy can't control him, I'm not going to stick my neck out and say that I can.

"I would like to say that things will improve in the future but he will be of no use to me if he is not playing." Nor, by implication, will any other member of his squad who fails to adhere to a list of rules which are about to be introduced.

Francis prefers to draw a will be similar to those of his

chance to build oo their revival

when they begin a sequence tomorrow of four matches in 17

days against teams in the bot-tom eight positions. Newport entertain Telford United tomor-row and then face home and

away games against Cheltenham Town and a trip to Northwich

CAREER RECORD September 1981: Transferred to Manchester City for £1,200,000. League games: 25. League goals: 12.

July 1982: Transfarred to

Sampdoria, of the Italian League, for £900,000. League games: 68. League gosis: 17. July 1988: Transferred to Atalanta for £217,000. League games: 21. League gosis: 1

League goals: 1. August 1987: Transferred to Rang-ers for £70,000 League games: 18. League goals: None. 1987: Skol

Cup winner's medal.

March 1988: Free transfer to
Queen's Park Rangers. Leegue
games: 24. Leegue goels (to date):

sensitive? Souness, a player-manager be watched in opera-

season, feels that he is "too

"Do you have to be nasty?"

Francis replies. "T've been in

the game for 19 years and I

have faith in my ability. I

know Graeme found it diffi-

cult to distance himself from

"It's been a struggle and we

still have a mountain to climb," Mahoney said. "Confidence has picked up a lot recently and at

least we know our destiny is in our own hands."

Newport's revival has left Aylesbury United, who were promoted from the Beazer

Homes League last season, stranded five points adrift at the

bottom of the table. However,

Aylesbury too have shown signs

of improvement and in the next four days have two good opportunities to make up ground. Tomorrow they go to

Boston United, who took their first point in six matches last

week, and oo Tuesday they entertain Weymouth, who are

second to bottom.
Weymouth have been in trou-

ble for most of the season but

are in good company. Emfield, the FA Trophy holders, who have taken only eight points from their last 14 matches, and

Telford and Stafford Rangers, with two and three respectively from their last six, have all

dropped down the table.

Steve Powell, the former Derby County player, has taken

over as the caretaker player-maoager of Shepshed

caps: 52. Goals: 12.

nice a person".

can do the job."

mational honours: England

Born: April 19, 1954, Plymouth.

Playing record:
1970-1979: Birmingham City.
League games: 280. League goals:
118. Made League debut in September, 1970, against Cardiff City.
Scored in first full League match, against Oxford United, in the same month. Scored four goels playing against Bolton Wanderers in February, 1977, two months before his saventeenth birthday.

rusry, 1971, two months before his seventeenth brithday. February 1979: Transferred to Notingham Forest for 21, 180,000 — the first 21 million British transfer. League games: 70. League gaels: 28. Honours: 1979: European Cup winner's medal. Scored the winning goal in e 1-0 defeat of Malmo, of Sweden. 1980: League Cup runners-up medal.

fessional over there. Their dedication and their commitment is total and I'm not tion at Glasgow Rangers last talking just about their approach on the field." After studying the customs

of his foreign colleagues for five years, he appreciates the value of "proper eating and sleeping habits. I've seen players here have a bowl of spaghetti, a steak, apple pie the players but if they trust and a glass of red wine four and respect me here, I think I hours before a game. I find hat amazing."

He must first assure the But is the character of likes of Scaman, McDonald that amazing."

veil over his proposals but be Francis constructed with the and Allen that they should indicates that the guidelines necessary iron girders to withstand the problems that will Littlewoods Cup victory over

Newport County, who climbed out of the GM Vauxhall Conference relegation zone for the first time last week, have the first time last week, have the

have yielded 15 points and their

victory at Chorley last Saturday

was the Weish club's first away win in the Conference.

After relegation from the Football League tast season, Newport's financial problems

were such that their participa-tion in the Conference was

confirmed only 24 hours before

Wictoria.
Having taken only three points from their first 11 games,

John Mahoney, who took over

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

LITTLEWOODS CUP: Fourth round:
Bradford 3, Everton 1.
Fourth round replays: Nottinghesn F 2, Leiosster 1; Windhelord 0, OPT 1.
Faculty Second round replays: Brent-hord 3, Peterborough 2; Maldstone 1, Fourth 7, Second division south:
Faculty 2, Torquey 1, Yeovil 0; Welling 3, Beth 2.

Salto D. CUP: First round: Middlesbrough 1, Okham 0.
Salten A VAM TROPHY: Preliminary round: Northern section: Scarborough 4, Darlington 0, Seathern section: Scarborough 4, Darlington 0, Seathern section: Scarborough 4, Darlington 0, Stranver 3, Second division for the vision: Farchern 2, Ashford 1, GREAT MRLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Forthern 2, Ashford 1, GREAT MRLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Forthern 2, Ashford 1, GREAT MRLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Forthern 2, Ashford 1, University MATCH: Oxford 3, Cambridge 2, School 1, Develor 0, Cambridge 2, School 0, University MATCH: Oxford 3, Cambridge 2, School 1, Second division 5, Cambridge 2, School 1, Second 2, Cambridge 3, Second 3, Second division souths on the second legic Cambridge 3, Second division souths on the second legic Cambridge 3, Second division souths on the second legic Cambridge 3, Second division souths on the second legic Cambridge 3, Second division souths on the second legic Cambridge 3, Second division souths on the second legic Cambridge 3, Second division souths on the second legic Cambridge 3, Second division souths on the second legic Cambridge 3, Second division souths on the second legic Cambridge 3, Second legic Cambridge 3, Second division souths on the second legic Cambridge 3, Second legic Cambridge 3, Second division souths on the second legic Cambridge 3, Second division souths on the second legic Cambridge 3, Second division souths on the second legic Cambridge 3, Second division souths on the second legic Cambridge 3, Second division souths on the second legic Cambridge 3, Second division souths on the second legic Ca

irehabilitation with Pickard will be put to the test when be plays. Boris Becker in the second singles, following an opening match between Wilander and Carl Uwe Steeb. Surprisingly, Steeb, who stands 74th in the ATP rankings, is preferred by Nikki Pilic, the German team manager, to Eric Jelen, who is ranked No. 61 and won his four singles in the two clean sweeps over Denmark and Yugoslavia. performance of the seasoo) has persuaded him that no one should leave, although "some areas need strengthening."

Money will be available according to a chairman who placed Francis in an intolerable position earlier in the week. Although he was told by Richard Thompson on Monday that he would be offered the managership after the midweek fixture, he was bound to keep his impending promotion a secret.

"I didn't like it," Francis admits, "because I couldn't tell the truth. But the chairman has been misjudged. He may be an apprentice learning the game but his heart is in the club. He is ambitious and so am L" He is, nevertheless, also a realist.

Rather than shooting for the moon, he acknowledges earthily that the title will cootinue to be beyond the reach of all but the big clubs.

The youngest team ever to guide a club (the combined ages of the chairman and the manager amount to a mere 58) is planning a course which promises to be rigid. The players are aware of that already. Francis's first order, given on Wednesday night. was that they should all now

Dixon's Newport pull out of decline Herts are of ideas

An Independent Schools XI, showing greater cohesion, beat Hertfordshire Uoder-19s 2-0 at the Bank of England ground, Rochampton yesterday (George

Chestertoo writes).
For the Schools, Meara,
Brown-Peterside and Coltard
combined as though they had played together all season.
Coltard opened the scoring after 15 minutes when he leapt high to head home a long, floating cross from the left touchline by Chadwick. Three minutes later Reilly had a hard shot pushed behind by Parker. After 25 minutes Olafson, in the Schools and conducted with

the Schools goal, saved well from a free kick and from the cosuing clearance Brown-Peterside, who showed superb ball control throughout, ran up the right and crossed for Meara

to head in the second goal. 110 Bead in the second goal.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS XI: M Chafson (DEGS, Blackburn): S Events (Wolverhampton GS), M Spackman (Brentwood). P Gornan (Cherrintouse), G Littlewood (Hutne GS), J Meere (Aldenham), J Reflly (Manchester GS), T Chadwick (Elizabeth College, Guerney), M Aston (Hutne GS), I Brown-Peteralde (Lencing), G Cottard (Shrawbury). Strewsbury), HERTHOLY, G. COMPANDER, 19. M. Parker, P. Govier, A. Hazell, M. Armitage, S. Stovey, S. Hurstell, C. Bennister, L. Selby, S. Massell, G. Godderd, R. Mison. Referee II Galo (AFA)

Today: Singles: M Wilander v C-U Steet; S Edberg v B Becker; and A Jarryd v Becker and E Jelen. Sunday: Singles: Edberg v Steeb; Wilander v Becker.

Davis Cup draw

Edberg steels himself

Following the United States Open in September, Stefan Edberg took a break in his relationship with Tony Pickard, his English coach, a five-year partnership which had reached a peak with the taking of Wimble-don. In the next six weeks, final and the round robin of the recent Masters which Becker went on to win. Edberg plunged into disarray, and his place in the Swedish

Victory in one of the singles against Becker is calculated to be the key to Sweden winning their fourth title, to six consecutive years: twice losing to Australia in Melbourne, and winning here at home to the United States and India (last year) and in 1985 against West Germany in Munich. The temporary break, Pickard

agrees, was something that Edberg needed; a relief from the daily attention to detail which is the life of a modern champion. Edberg wanted some freedom. to get away from routine and to be together with his girlfriend, hoping that his tennis would survive the change. It did not.

He experienced un-characteristic defeats by Paolo Cane in Stockholm and John Fitzgerald in Tokyo, suffered an attack of tendonitis and towards the end of October had to telephone Pickard and say: "It hasn't worked. Please come and. Pickard, the recipient of Brit-

ain's recent Coach of the Year nward, has had no contract with Edberg since they began work-ing together when Edberg, now still only 22, was a promising teenager. "You have to let them loose from time to time." Pickard says. The partnership is no mure than a handshake so no mure than a handshake so long as the music remains io tune. When Edberg came off court after playing well but loosing to Henri Leconte in the opening round robin of the Masters, Pickard reckoned his man was back oo the rails as was then proved against Becker.

The relationship is critical to Edberg's rise to the summit, and

for Davis Cup burden the decisive match against Czechoslovakia. Olsen iovited Pickard mentally to prepare his

Czechoslovakia, Olsen iovited Pickard mentally to prepare his player for the battle with Mccir. It is Edberg's Davis Cup record in vital matches that earned him preference over the uofortunate Carlsson, who had spent last week practising on clay in Italy, winning exhibitions against Cane and Claudio Pistolesi. With characteristic team unity, the disappointed Carlsson said yesterday: "The best team is playing right now."

The pressure over the next three days upon Becker is immense, though he shrugged it off it yesterday? Press conference. "It's not for the first itme," be said. "It's been like it for four years." He said he considers he is a better player than in 1985, when Germany surrendered the final at home, and that it would be an open match with Edberg. Asked whether, clay, indoors, was for him in disadvantage, he replied, with that steely blue-eyed gaze: "We're going to find out." He looks fit and hard in practice, a shade slimmer than in the summer, and with now a military haircut. He recalls — perhaps indicative of n thread of current uncertainty — that he beat Edberg on clay in 1983 haps indicative of h thread or current uncertainty - that he beat Edberg on clay in 1983 when they were both little known. "That's more than I remember," Edberg says releas-ing that slow, npologetic Swed-ish smile.

Wilander and Jarryd baving lost to Leconte and Guy Forget in four sets in the 4-1 victory over France. Olsen named Edberg and Jarryd for the doubles. Can Edberg maintain o peak for thre consecutive days? thas the makings of a fascinating final. "I wish I was not playing Becker in the last match," Wilander said. If all should haog on that, it is anyone's game: Wilander win the last match," the last meeting on clay in straight sets at Roland Garros 10 1987, but Becker gave him elessoo in the Masters last month, on carpet.

EQUESTRIANISM

BEWA awards for Stark and Lyon

Ian Stark, the Olympic three Woollen Mill. Sir Wattie has day event team and individual silver medal winner and the now been retired to the hunting field but, in Murphy Himself and Glenburnie, Stark has two leading horse trials rider of the top prospects for next year's Badminton. year, yesterday received one more accolade when he was voted the British Equestrian Writers' Association's equesnear Tetbury, hopes to be competing alongside Stark at Badminton when she has her trian personality of the year. Stark, who had 70 per cent of the members' votes, received the trophy at the Association's an-

first crack at the world's premi three day event. She will ride Highland Road, a seven-eighths noal laoch at Olympic rigniano koad, a seven-eights thoroughbred and one-eighth highland pony gelding ou whom she wou both the junior and Young Riders team and individual gold medals as well as the National Young Riders Championship of Bramham in June.

Contain Morth Phillips who The Vivien Banks
for the outstanding junior rand for the year was won by the
Young Riders Three Day Event
Enropean Champion, Polly
Lyon, who is also this year's recipient of the £1,500 Range
Rover Team scholarship. Lyon
was the 1987 junior European champion and is the first rider to
both European titles.

The Vivien Banks
and Junior Team
Company Hollings who had been a selector. Captain Philips joins
Mrs "Hopper" Cavendish,
Harrison and Hugh outstanding year for the former civil servant. In May he became the first rider to finish first and second at Badminton when he Thomas as the new selection committee under the chairman won the Whithread Trophy on Sir Wattle and was ramer-up on Glenburnie. Two weeks later, be won the Windsor three day event

Lord Patrick Beresford remains chef d'équipe. Captain Phillips'n own event et Gatcombe Park in August will be the final trial for next year's His two Olympic medals came on Sir Wattie, owned jointly by Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott and

European championships.

• International riders, whose horses are positively dope tested, are liable to be suspended under new rules set by the Judicial Committee of the Inter-national Equestrian Federation.

Iceland is a new tour venue

By John Hennessy The women's professional golf tour yesterday announced another big step forward. Prize-money next season will be at least £2.1 million, an increase of 40 per cent over this year.

The calendar guarantees a programme of 28 tournaments with another couple still under negotiation. First impressions, therefore, must be that the tour's courageous decisioo to break from the PGA and go its own way, to being spectacularly vindicated.

Only eight tournaments will be held to Britain. "I am not happy with the balance". Mr Joe Flanagan, executive director of the tour said. "We've tried to create more interest here but the fessional golf is more popular oo the cootinent.

Theere are three new events—
the Rome Classic, the German
Masters and the Icelandair
Open. In going to Iceland the
tour is hlazing a professional
trail, since there hasn't been n trail, since there hasn't been nomen's tournament there yet.
TOURNAMENTS CONFIRMED: April: 1316, Rome Classic: 28-29. Ford Classic.
May: 11-14. Gua Quinta da Manuria
Mascars. Lutes: 1-4, German Mesters; 1518, French Open; 22-25. Dutch Open, 29June-2 July, St Montz Classes. July: 6-9,
Hennessy Cup: 13-16, Bloor Homes
Eastwigh Classic; 27-30, Luttmansa German Open. Aug: 3-6, Westabus British
Open; 10-13, Icalander Open; 17-20,
Daneh Open; 24-27, Swedish Open. Sept.
7-10, European Masters; 14-17, European
Open; 26-27, Swedish Open. Oct: 12-15,
Lamg Classic; 18-22, Woomark MagalPlay Champonamer 28-29, Barriz Open.
Nov: 2-5, Qualitar La Manga Classic; 912, Banson and Hedges Trophy.

Cheltenham make auspicious start

Cheltenham achieved two victories out of three in the Public Schools senior singles for the Renny Cup at Queen's Club yesterday, and Wellington were yesterday, and Wellington were cently won Cheltenham's coll-standard with path of the receipting and in both tories out of three in the Public Schools senior singles for the Renny Cup at Queen's Club yesterday, and Wellington were on the receiving end in both cases (William Stephens writes). This denotes considerable success for Karl Cook, the professional, and Martin Stovold, a

riding Virginia Leng's former horse, Murphy Himself, he collected his third three day event title of the year at Bockelo

Stark's sponsors, the Edinburgh

in The Netherlands.

Walliser restores order for the Swiss women

From Iain Macleod, Altenmarkt, Austria downhill races go, yesterday's was not particularly exciting.

Even the bitterly cold con-ditions could not keep the smile off Maria Walliser's face. The Swiss world champion had triumphed somewhat unexpect-edly in yesterday's world cup women's downhill, and the fact that she had ended a barren spell gave cause for celebration.

Suggestions, even among the Swiss, that Walliser's better days were behind her seemed to have eroded her confidence. Moreover, her close Swiss rival, Michela Figini, who finished third behiod Verooica Wallinger, of Austria, had added to the pleasure when she won the opening downhill in Val

D'Isere. It seemed that the "old firm" from Switzerland which has dominated women's skiing in recent years, in the process instigating a much-publicized fend, was on the verge of

becoming part of history.
"I wanted to go as fast as possible," Walliser said, "but I didn't think I could win. I had no self-confidence; oo ambition. I was afraid I could not ski as

The Figini "complex" has long haunted Waltiser, a Swiss-German whose personality is in

The slow course did not find favour with many of the women and Walliser's time of 1 min 35.23sec (average speed 86.94 kmh) from a start number of five, set a standard which was always soing to be different as always going to be difficult to

The snow, which fell continuously throughout the morning benefitted the later starters, and only five seeded skiers claimed places in the top 15.

Figuri, who now has the added motivation of having to contend with an on-form Walliser was not surprised that her rival had won. "She has looked good in training," Figini said, "and this was a glider's course which is to her fiking."

back to the top." Cheisea could take over the leadership, albeit temporarily, if they defeat Birmingham City, who are bottom of the table, at St Andrew's. McLaughlin may be recalled after being out for four weeks with a knee ligament CENTRAL LEAGUE First division: Astor Vila 7, Barnsley 2. Postponed: West Brom v Nottingham Forest. Sequent division: Notis County 2. Port Vale 0; Preston 0, York 2: Rotherism 2. Grimpby 1; Sounthorpe 1, Bolton 4; Stoke 6, **RUGBY LEAGUE**

Student World Cup to be staged in Britain By Keith Macklin

ever, the staging of the event will cost more than £100,000 and the real work of planning the itin-erary and seeking sponsorship is

about to begin.

David Oxley, the chief exective of the Rugby Football League, and Bob Ashby, the chairman of the board of directors, have pushed hard for this second Students World Cup to be staged in England, and are determined to prove in the determined to prove, in the words of Ashby, "that British organization is still the best in

Eight teams have been invited to compete, including a squad of American students, whose costs will be met by the Australian Rugby League. England, Scot-land and Wales will take part, with teams from Australia, New Zealand, France and, hopefully, Papua New Guinea also

mpenng. The accommodation base for the student teams will be York University, and the preliminary round of matches will be played at Castleford, Featherstone, and

the two Hull grounds.

Bev Risman, the former Leeds and Great Britain captain, has been charged with the responsibility of organizing the

Next year's Student World Cup, in August 1989, will be staged in British after a two-year campaign by British officials. Howthe British Student Rugby League, led by the president, Martyn Sadler. Risman's task is a daunting one, with the need to raise more than £100,000 as yet

Ashby is convinced that the target can be reached, and that the organization and presenta-tion will support his claim that Britain can produce a com-petition of far greater quality than the inaugural Student World Cup in New Zealand two years ago.

"With only eight good quality sides we have an ideal round figure," Ashby said. "We believe it will be a tremendous success because we are getting fabulous bodies throughout Britain More and more universities and colleges are playing rugby league, or making enquiries about introducing it, and the standard of student rugby league is rising all the time. The staging of the 1989 World Cup is further evidence of the worldwide expansion of the game."

Lendl accepts

Tokyo (AP) - Ivan Lendl, of Czechoslovakia, will head a field of 56 players in the Japan Open tennis championship in April

UNIVERSITY MATCHE CHORD S. CARPARGE 2. ENGLISH SCHOOLS TROPHY: Fourth reamet Walesfield G. Liverpool G. ENGLISH MITTES TROPHY: Bedfordshire-shire 1. Exception 1. ENGLISH BMS TROPHY: Cleveland 2. Durham 2. SWIMMING Brownsdon's time gives her the edge

Toronto - Suki Brownsdon set her third British record of the week and, more importantly, was also the fastest qualifier for the 200 metres breaststroke final here at the first meeting of the inaugural World Cup at the Etobicoke Olympium (Steven Downes writes).

The record came in the 100

metres medley, an event rarely (if ever) swum in Britain, the Wigan-based woman clocking one minute 4.50sec.
Yet it was in the 200 metres breaststroke that she was most impressive. Brownsdon's time of 2-30.00 was 0.44sec faster than the former world recordholder, Allison Higson recorded

holder, Alison rigson recorded in winning her heat, where Debbie Tubby, the ASA short course champion, improved her lifetime best to 2.36.08. In yesterday's 200 metres heat, the Hungariao, Krisztina Egerszegi aged 14, produced a qualifying time of 2:13.58. It was enough to pull Joanne Deakins, in her first international to 2-17.08, more than a second quicker than the teenager from Evesham has ever

managed before.
The minor disappointments for Britain here was the failure to qualify for the 200 metres freestyle finals by Panl Howe (1:52.21) and Madeleine Scarborough (2:05.75), although she was the fastest qualifier in the 100 merres butterfly (1:02.76).

BADMINTON RUALA LUMPUR: Maleysius Open champ-knehber: Mee's elegies: Third round: Was Wandiss (China) bt S Baddeley (GB, 17-16, 15-12; Wasser's singles: Second round: H Trote (GB) bt 8 Phystop (That), 12-10, 11-8. Third reund: Trote bt Shang Furnel (China), 4-11, 12-9, 11-5. Women's doubles: Second round: You Fen and Lai Caigin (China) bt 6 Clark and S Sankey (GB, 0-15, 15-8, 15-11; Li Leywei and Hen Atong (China) bt 0 Gevens (GB) and Trote, 15-7, 15-2 William (GB) bt P Audisson and C William G Govers (GB) bt P Audisson and C William (Swe), 15-6, 15-9; A Neisson (Den) and 0 Clark (Eng) bt E Soderbarg and C Bengesson (Swe), 15-7, 4-15, 15-7.

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SCOTTISH COUNTIES CHAMP-IONSHIP: East Lothan 3, Durnfres and Gallowey 10; Renfreschire 22, Lanarianire 17; Ayrshire 21, Durnburcheline 6.

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well as Figini." marked contrast to that of her rival, who hails from the Italian-speaking part of Switzerland. As



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Jonathan Agnew on the pleasures and pressures in the life of a cricketer

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Zip-pan back to September; Seoul and the edgy hush of fac

phoney war before the Olym-pic Games began. In North Korea the politicking and the

threats of disruption rumbled

on. In Seoul the students pursued their ritual confronts.

tions with the police. Two hundred yards away, in

nio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic

Committee, was speaking the language of international sport. "These demonstrations

are bad for the image of

It was not the fact of the

demonstrations that was the

problem, it was the fact that

they were being staged as television events, with the

careful throwing of Molotov

cocktails on to empty roadway,

making nice pictures to spread

all the way round the world.

I was watching a television

programme that goes out to-night on Channel 4 at 8.0 p.m., called Running the Games. The production crew followed

Samaranch around for the five weeks of huild-up and achievment at the Games: images of a president.

And it is his own abiding

concern with image that comes

through. Image, the admin's word: we mustn't have empty

stands, he said forcefully, it it

locks so bad on television. As

the Ben Johnson affair broke.

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best to transform disaster into

n propaganda coup: catching Johnson shows that The

By dealing with image, Samaranch is attacking the

core issue of the Olympics.

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Scudamore fastest ever to 100 winners

Peter Scudamore's phenom-Peter Scudamore's phenom- Pipe emphasised the enal winter of triumph dedication behind his jockey's reached new heights yesterday glory when he said: "We all as his second treble in successive days at Haydock but Scu sat with us and just Park carried him to 100 winners for the season, 55 days faster than the existing stone today. This morning we record held by Jonjo O'Neill. All three of yesterday's win-

ners were trained by Martin Pipe, who was responsible for 75 of the 100, and is himself only II short of the quickest 100 winners by a trainer.

There seems no end to the domination of this dedicated pair and last night the bookmakers, William Hill, would only offer 4-1 against Scudamore completing an unprecedented 200 winners this

When Scudamore returned on Fu's Lady, his third winner, the packed terraces around the winner's enclosure exploded into noise. Even the traditionally deadpan Scudamore features, pale and drawn from the effort of riding at improbable weights, cracked into the broadest of

The ovation stretched on for several minutes and Pipe, himself unemotional by nature, was plainly moved. "It's "Nebody thought it could be

went out for a meal last night smoked a cigar, eating nothing, to be sure of doing 10 were up early so he could sit in the sauna for hours. He is a perfectionist - a truc

Scudamore, who won yesterday on Stepaside Lord (evens), Voyage Sons Retour (1-2) and Fu's Lady (evens), had been bombarded with telephone calls from wellwishers all through the morning and completed his century from only 282 rides.

His valet, John Bucking-ham, said: "It is amazing how after the Boston Pit Handicap he takes it all in his stride. Nothing seems to disturb

Scudamore, who has ridden 100 winners in a season three times before, said: "It is great to have done this, but it is the whole season which matters to me. There will be no rejoicing or relaxing because there is so much more to do.

"People are coming up with new records for me to break every day but, honestly, I'm not even thinking about 200,



Jump of the century: Scudamore (centre), on Fu's Lady, jumps clear of the field at Haydock Park yesterday to win his hundredth race of the season

Confidence the key to the making of a master jockey

By Alan Lee

The making of a champion - a dominant, all-conquering champion — habitually prevokes areas of resentment and denigration. Peter Scudamore can add to all his other achievements a rare triamph over such jealousies. In the unforgiving world of steeplechasing, Scudamore has won the respect and admiration of peers and juniors alike, not only for setting staggering standards of ex-cellence but for the way he has gone about it.

Whenever his name is mentioned, and recently a day has seldom passed without it, the of his riding but of his

no respecter of position, pride or pretty faces. Tough old professionals of bygone days stand united with adolescent apprentices in something approaching awe at Scudamore's pursuit of the apparently methinkable.

Some may not understand
his tenacious obsession with

the game, some may suspect it to be almost unhealthy, but try to find an enemy and, thankfully, the mission is

No one is better equipped to speak of Scudamore than Jonio O'Neill, whose records he is presently eclipsing.
O'Neill knows what it is to monopolize the winner's enclotalk is not so much of any facet sure and yesterday, as Scudamore prepared to take

100 wingers, the former champion admitted: "I am getting a kick out of it because I can well imagine what he is going through. I will be sad to lose the record but I'm pleased it is going to a man who gives this game everything."

O'Neill, ironically the school-days hero of Scudamore, quantifies the unseen pressures of a winning run with no foreseeable end. "It is a hard seat to occupy. It is mentally very tiring if you do it properly, booking all your own rides as Scu does, and the more you achieve, the more is expected. If you get beaten on a favourite, people want to

scene he was good, but no can ride any sort of race, any wasn't a lot in his riding to talented." make him stand out from the crowd, but I was always struck built himself up into the true champion he is now. He has made his own luck and you need to do that in this job,"

Asked to nominate Scudamore's greatest quality, O'Neill is prompt, "Confidence," he says, "Wheo you are going as well as he is, you have an inner confidence to take the split-second decisions which win a race for you. Your own confidence also gets through to the horses and relaxes them. Watch Peter know what went wrong. ride one from the front and you

John Francome, whose crown passed to an impatient by his determination. He has Scudamore, revealingly admits: "Pete was always a lot better than I was in his early years. I was very aware of that. Of course, he has improved and streamlined his riding but I honestly don't think he has changed much. He was always very stylish, very determined.

An insight to the champion comes from his father, Michael. Once among the best and bravest of the jockey breed, and now a trainer, Scudamore sar has watched and helped his son's progress.

"I can well remember his gloomy moods when anything

"He could be inconsolable. It top because he only ever relies better than the average. There sort of horse. He is that is easy to say simply that on his own opinion. He dewasn't a lot in his riding to talented." horses run and jump for him and it is true. But I think the works harder.' main reason is that he rides

them on a long, loose rein which relaxes them. He is n good judge of pace and he always looks at one with his horse. Lester Piggott could do that, so could the Molonys when I was riding. But it is a rare gift."

Scudamore came to prommence under the wing of the trainer, David Nicholson, Indeed, he shared the championship with Francome while retained by Nicholson and mutual respect remains, good jockey, just as much as Nicholson is a man of firm riding the winners, and Scu is views, frankly expressed, but

The theme of opinions is developed by Martin Pipe, the trainer. "We all know what a good, effective and often inspired jockey he is," Pipe "We are similar types. We're both ambitious but we are also realists. We want to win the Gold Cup but it's no good thinking every horse in the yard can do it. If Peter tells me I should run a certain horse in a seller at Plumpton it is because that is all he thinks he can win. That is the job of a

to see whether this hardens or

weakens the current resolve of

many to preserve the individ-

ual player's right to play in South Africa.

Reaction to the latest crisis was swift and predictable. Ali Bacher, managing director of

the South African Cricket

Union, claimed that the Paki-

organized campaign hy the

black countries to ensure there

react with utter indignation

but I can tell them that South

African cricket in 1988 is

buoyant and that we will

Samaranch: mystery man

The Games are not about real life at all. Image is all. A wellturned-out Olympic team is as prestigious as the possession of a national airline. For the superpowers, Olympic success pahlic reinforcements available

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The Olympic Games are a media event, and the global projection of the Games is what gives the Games their unique and bewildering status in international powerbroking. Samaranch is the man in the middle of it all, his name one to conjure with wherever power and sport

Few people know much about him. He is a Spaniard, former ambassador to the Soviet Union. He makes things happen. But what does be believe in, what are his aims, what makes his pulse

Nobody knows. Samaranch gives nothing away. He is no man who makes it all work. He is the dealer, the appeaser, the eacemaker, the eternal diplomat. He is probably the only man in the world who looks like his passport photograph.

For most of us, it is not the

image of the Games that count but the humanity. It is the strivings, the victories and, I think above all, the failures that make the Olympics so irresistible. People are stripped naked out there, on the platform, in the ring, on the track: emotionally laid hare before the television

The Games are about tears and desperation, devastation, disappointment, and those elusive, impossible moments of achievment. The Games are about emotion.

own emotions carefully hidden, image-broker for the world, making the Games happen, playing every hand with circumspection, and never giving a thing away. Games that I saw, and the stark and chilly efficiency of

Webb has knee surgery

It has not been Jonathan Webh's week. Shortly after hearing that he had been dropped from the South and South-West divisional rugby union side which plays the North temorrow, the Bristel and England full back was taken to Southmead Hospital for a cartilage operation which may restrict his rugby until deep into next month (David Hands writes).

Webb felt his knee lock while out sprinting on Monday evening it was a repetition of an injury he suffered shortly before the South-West played the Australians in October but the knee righted

itself on that occasion. His return depends upon the amount of training he can put in at a time when he is preparing for the first part of his FRCS examinations

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Membership scheme is England must wait waived for Scotland

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

football supporters join the Scotland, national membership scheme in England and Wales if they want to see their teams playing south of the border have been dropped. The Government has decided not to go ahead with the idea that had angered ball authorities, who argued that they were being made to suffer because of the problems

facing the game in England. Neither will Scottish supporters have to belong to

Proposals to make Scottish match between England and ditional fixture between Scot-

The decision has been taken after talks between Scottish Office Ministers and Mr Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Scottish supporters and foot- ers in England and Wales to carry identity cards.

The Scottish foothall games. authorities were dismayed to Wembley for the biannual wished to attend the tra- fearing problems.

that they have good links with

land and England. Scottish Office Ministers have argued the footballing authorities north of the border, that they Sport, who is to introduce the co-operate closely with the Government's legislation police and were in the fore-requiring all football support-front of action to crack down on football violence and deal with the problem of alcohol at

The Government's plans that they were not consulted for the national membership before the proposals were scheme in England and Wales announced. They would have has run into epposition from meant Scottish supporters the police and some Conserthe controversial membership belonging to the national vative back-benchers with scheme if they want to travel membership scheme if they even some Ministers privately

staged in a largely deserted stadium however and Hamp-

den could be an equally eerie

The FA trusts that the

public will respond to the

memory of the Colombian

by then, be irrelevant.

Chile to fill Rous Cup place

triangular

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent They beat both Brazil and Poland on June 3, could be

Chile were yesterday con-firmed by the Football Association as next year's foreign can championship last year entrants in the Rous Cup, and it will be remembered that They are to play England on Colombia held both England May 23 and, after the tra- and Scotland to a draw in last ditional enemies have met season's each other at Hampden Park, tournament. four days later, Scotland on

recent results indicate that

they should be treated with

Although Chile have never

accepted an offer from the

Queen's Park Rangers chair-

man, Richard Thompson, to

stay at the club, even though

he is bitterly disappointed at

not getting the manager's joh vacated by Jim Smith.

Rangers uppointed Trevor Francis, although Shreeves, the former Tottenham

Hotspur manager and Smith's

No. 2 at Loftus Road, was

originally given a trial period

until January 7 as acting

Shreeves said: "Last night

the chairman asked me if]

would stay on and, having

slept on it. I have decided to

accept. It seems to me the best

thing to do for the sake of the

club, even though I admit I am

upset at what has happened.

But you have to be up tough in this game and I think

won the South American title against England on British

VERIS.

Although the countries have met three times previously this will be Chile's first game soil. The match, an aid to England's preparations for the World Cup qualifying tie with

skills which illuminated both arenas so brightly six months ago. "Those who missed the match at Wembley, regretted it," a spokesman said. "Those who saw it, enjoyed it." Shreeves swallows his

Brown is pride and stays at QPR 'forgiven' Peter Shreeves yesterday I have learned that over the Shreeves has the securit of

Kerrith Brown, the British more than two years to run on judo competitor, who rehis current contract as assisturned a positive drug test and tant manager, and the Rangers was stripped of his bronze players have been mying him medal at the Olympic Games, will be welcomed back by the But a partnership with sport at the end of his two-year Francis, whose appointment suspension. Michael Leigh, as manager was amounced the chairman of the British nfter Wednesday's 1-6 Judo Association, said: "We Littlewoods Cup replay win at accepted his explanation that Wimbledon, looks certain to he had mistakenly taken he an nncomfortable medication for a knee injury. When he comes back all will

arrangment - especially as Francis insists he will also continue his career as n player. Shreeves, at least, has acted with some dignity in what has become a shoddy episode, but the club, and especially Thompson, will have lost a great deal of credibility.

Lyle honoured Sandy Lyle, who this year won the US Masters title, was yesterday awarded the Golf Writers' Trophy in recognition of his services to Euro-Francis profile, page 39 pean golf.

to hear fate of tour By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent The fate of England's sub- world that England are still stitute tour in the spring is wanted somewhere on the

now unlikely to be resolved cricketing globe and now, after until early next week. The Pakistan's sabotage, it has New Zealand cricket authoribadly misfired. If, as is to be expected, New Zealand conclude that the venture would be financial

ties, stunned by the sudden refusal of Pakistan to compete alongside England in a oneday tournament, were yes-terday investigating means of folly and political dynamite, England's administrators could now go into the crucial debate on South Africa at next salvaging the trip.

Alan Smith, chief executive of the Test and County month's special meeting of the Cricket Board, spoke at length to his counterpart in New Zealand, Graham Dowling, late on Wednesday night. International Cricket Conference without a single stead. fast ally. It will be fascinating

Understandably, no firm decisions were taken and Smith said yesterday: "The ball is in New Zealand's court. It is up to them to take stock of the new situation. We hope they can come up with an alternative itinerary which permits the tour to go ahead but there is very little we can do in the stan decision was part of an

Dowling himself confirmed that Pakistan would still visit could be no soft compromise New Zealand in January, although reverting to their original itinerary, and that efforts
were continuing to accommodate England on some

Dr Bacher said: "I suspect that English cricket, and particularly the players, will acceptable formula. "It will take us a few days to look at all the possibilities," he said. Realistically, this misguided

tour looks doomed. In truth, it continue to attract players to was never more than an effort come here, coaching youngto persuade the rest of the sters of all races."

Tax inquiry

the Dutch club. Ajax.

SPORT IN BRIEF Medical first

A new diploma in sports medicine was announced by the Society of Apothecaries yesterday. The examinations, to be held in June, will lead to

the first open qualification for doctors in Britain. Duty calls

Steve Tunstall, the former

French Foreign legionnaire, competes for England in the international cross-country race in Cardiff tomorrow, replacing the injured Eamonn Martin,

Amsterdam (AFP) - Soren Hollow victory Lerby, the Danish inter- Helsinki (Reuter) - Mikael national footballer, and the Sundstrom, of Sweden, has former club president Ton been stripped of his victory in Harmsen, have been arrested the Finnish rally after unwit-

But there is Samaranch, his

in connection with an tingly taking a banned investigation into alleged tax medication. fraud over transfer dealings at